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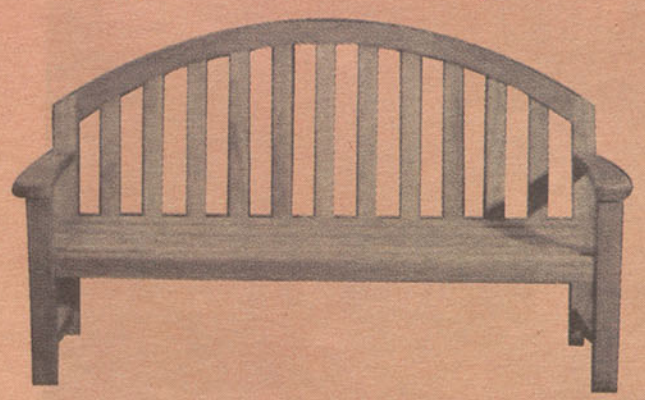

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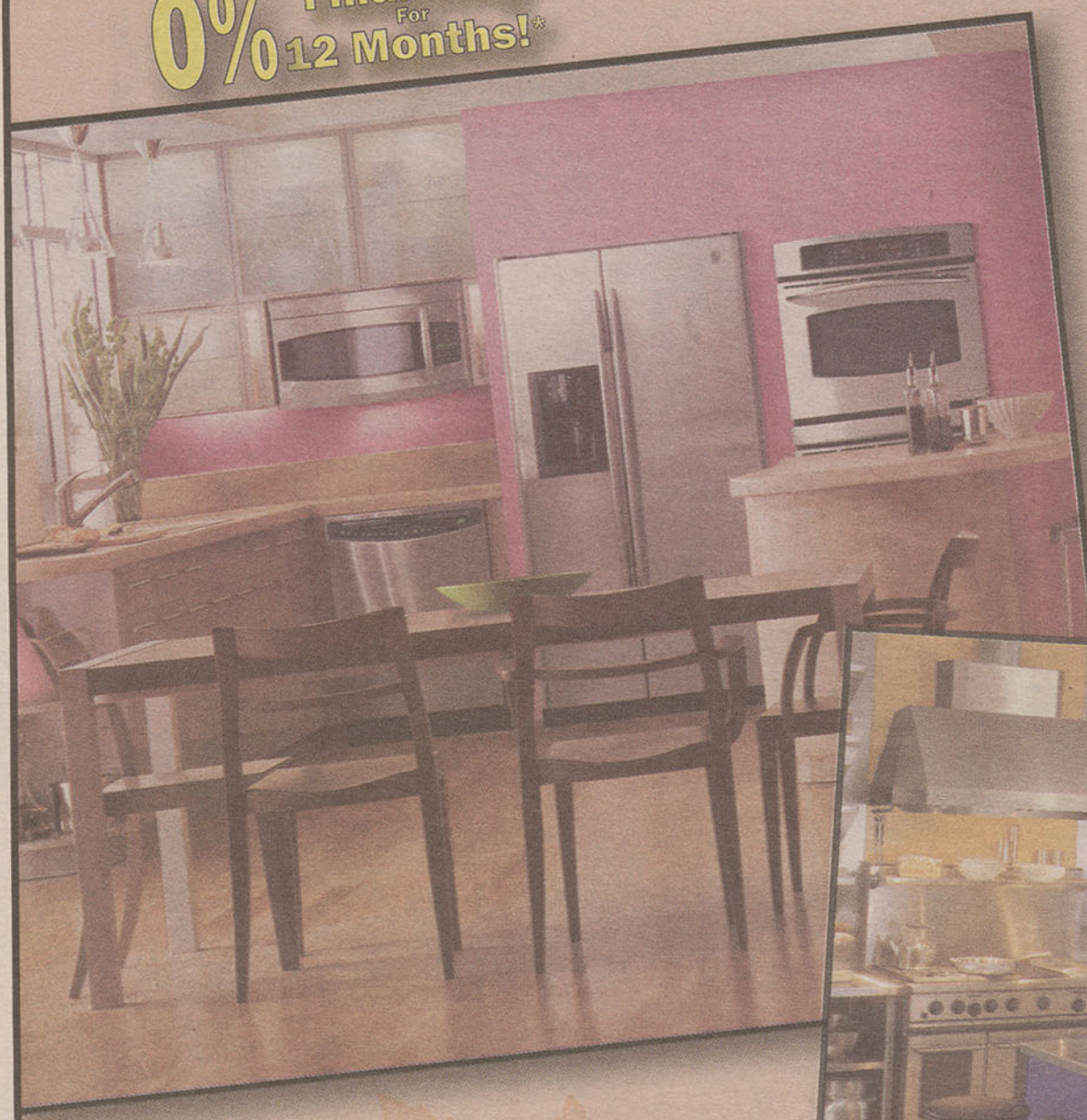

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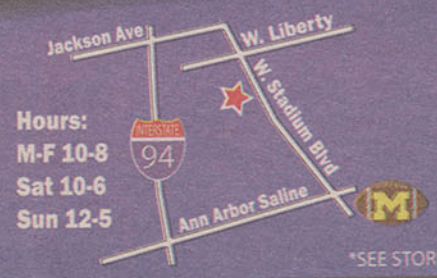

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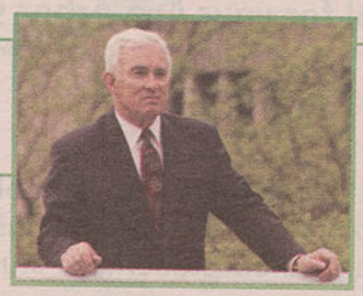

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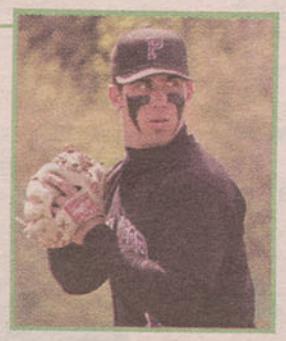

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Reading Home Links – Allen, Laura Roth $936

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Living, Breathing Geography – Ann Arbor Open, Catherine (Kit) Flynn $1,000

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Dependency and Isolation – Huron, Nadine Ghawi, Matthew Garrity-Janger $1,000

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American Griots: Bringing Folk Musicians to the American History Classroom – Pioneer, Aaron Pollock $1,000

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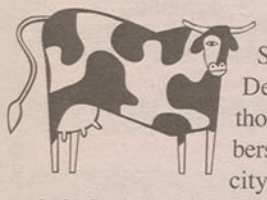


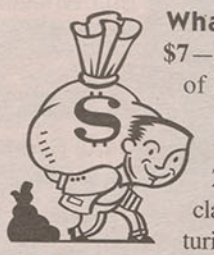
Got milk? Some Downtown Development Authority board members are bemoaning city council's raids on their fund reserves. Last year the DDA agreed to pick up the $34,000 monthly interest on the loan the city took out to purchase the old YMCA—plus a $1.425 million balloon payment that comes due in 2008. This year the DDA promised to boost its payments for the city-owned parking it manages by a total of $10 million over ten years. That now looks like $10 million in five years, since the city apparently intends to exercise its advance options. So there were audible groans around the DDA board table recently when members learned that they were now expected to cover the entire $200,000 cost of a consultant the city hired to guide its downtown rezoning. While the DDA has a comfortable fund balance of about $9 million, current cash flow from this has been negative, and many projects are planned. "We ought to start saying 'Moo,' because we are a cash cow," commented DDA member Leah Gunn. Another, Rob Aldrich, asked, "Where does this end?" This time, it ended with the DDA asking the city to kick in a little over $25,000 toward the consultant's fee—and then agreeing to pay the rest.

Free parking: Meanwhile, back on the parking front, the DDA will vote this month on a new rate plan that would include one hour of free parking in downtown structures. It would also cut hourly parking rates in structures from 95¢ to 80¢. The catch is that the free hour would replace the current validation program, which provides up to two hours of free parking for downtown shoppers. In addition, rates on street meters would increase from 80¢ to $1 an hour. The DDA hopes the new system will free up street parking for shoppers, while producing about the same amount of parking revenue. Next the group plans to look at a possible extension of evening meter hours.

Weddings at sea: Sue Briggs and Marci Margeson of Partners in Travel report that business is blossoming in cruise weddings. Briggs says young couples, not just mature ones, are eager to marry on the beaches of Hawaii, Barbados, San Juan, or St. Thomas. One reason, Margeson notes, is that "prices have come down." One local couple is paying approximately $5,000 to be married during a one-week Caribbean voyage—a package that includes everything from air and cruise tickets to photographs, developed on the ship. The fly on the wedding cake: guests on the cruise have to pay their own way.

Weddings on land: In Michigan, getting married out of doors seems fraught with peril. But Linda Grant, who coordinates weddings for the U-M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, says that of the sixty or so outdoor weddings held at the garden every summer, typically only one is rained out. "It doesn't seem to rain on a Saturday afternoon, when people are getting married," says Grant. "It's odd, it's nice—it's a relief for me." For alfresco ceremonies, Matthaei has three gardens and an island. (Grant's first choice is the Herb Knot Garden because of its gorgeous lavender.) Each rents for $700 for two hours and accommodates up to 150 guests. Grant, who attends most of the weddings, recalls that on one hot and humid day, the windy officiant talked so long that the seven-months-pregnant bride fainted. "Everybody clapped when she stood up," she says.

All that trash: Ann Arborites are registering likes and dislikes about the "A2 Carts," the new city-provided refuse containers that can be picked up and dumped mechanically. They come in three sizes: thirty-two, sixty-four, and ninety-six gallons. (The biggest one costs; the others are free.) Those still waiting to get one find that on the sign-up card, the thirty-two-gallon option is presented in tiny type and labeled "Not recommended." Why? According to solid waste chief Bryan Weinert, many early recipients ordered thirty-two-gallon carts but found them too small, so the city had to replace them with sixty-fours. Users have generally appreciated the carts—although one complained, "You're forcing me to be a liberal by limiting the garbage I can put out." Muses Weinert, "People do have fairly strong opinions about how their waste is collected."



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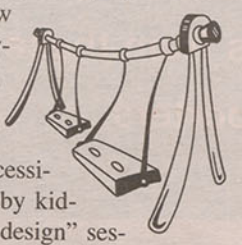
Boundless playground: Students at Honey Creek charter school and special-needs kids at High Point already share a campus at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District's building on Wagner Road. Now they'll share a playground, too. Planned so that 70 percent of the play area will be accessible, it was shaped by kid-driven "dream and design" sessions. "We asked all of the kids," says High Point supervisor Neal Elyakin. "Even the most severely impaired can indicate preferences." The $460,000 project, which opens for community use June 23, includes four well-shaded areas designed to accommodate different styles of exploration and play, and a wheelchair-accessible water play section. During the school year it will be used by both High Point and Honey Creek students. "The point is not to have helpers," Elyakin explains. "The intent is to have playmates."



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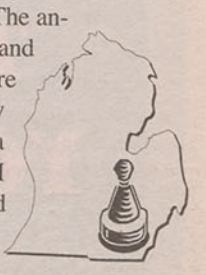
City game: How many Olympic medals have U-M athletes won? How much of the time is Ann Arbor cloudy? To whom was "the Rock" dedicated? The answers (105, 67 percent, and George Washington) are in the gorgeous new Ann Arbor Game, a family project for U-M grads Craig Wagner and Kristin Hannahs and their teenage children, Lance and Tess. Their elaborate board is a stylized city map featuring dozens of local landmarks (sadly, one of them, Food & Drug Mart, is already defunct). The questions have a suitable range of difficulty, with multiple-choice answers to ease the pain. The optimistic originators have produced 2,800 copies, available on-line and at Shaman Drum, Arbor Farms, Zingerman's, Downtown Home & Garden, and Jefferson Market. An unusual hook is that 10 percent of the $39.95 price is donated to local charities. The inventors are mulling spin-offs for other cities, but might first want to rethink the rules: our testers felt that too many turns were spent rolling dice to move around the board without answering questions.



150 years ago: "The next week will be a stirring one for our usually quiet city," the weekly *Michigan Argus* observed on June 1, 1855. "The Circuit Court will be in session, the Sheep Shearing Festival and Plowing Match is to come off, and beyond that we are to be blessed (?) by the visitation of a circus. We are not an ardent admirer of the Clown and his supporters, and don't advise anyone to invest a quarter." But less hard-nosed Ann Arborites may have found it hard to resist the advertisement for "Signor Chiarini's Italian Circus, with Raymond & Co's Menagerie of Wild Animals." Among other things, it promised a "Grand Procession . . . accompanied by a full military band!" and "the two most perfectly trained horses in the World. In the course of their Curious Performances, one horse will play an Organ while the other dances a Polka." The excitement passed quickly: the next day the circus moved on, to give a show in Ypsilanti. ■

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FUND-RAISING

Aiming for $2.5 Billion

State budget cuts add urgency to the U-M's capital campaign.

In the last two fiscal years, the university has cut nearly 500 jobs, including ninety faculty positions. With state appropriations down 15 percent since 2003, offices are being cleaned less often, libraries are closing earlier, and class sizes are increasing.

The good news is that the U-M is already more than halfway to its goal of raising $2.5 billion from private donors by 2008. In fact, it was halfway there by the time the "Michigan Difference" was publicly launched last May.

Campaign director Robert Groves oversees a 135-person staff housed in Wolverine Towers. Also helping out are another 300-plus faculty and staff volunteers distributed among various schools, colleges, and other units, including the Flint and Dearborn campuses. Among them, they keep in touch with more than 430,000 alums through newsletters, e-mail, and regular mail. (By far the biggest group, 180,000, lives in Michigan. California has the second largest alumni body, at 34,000, followed by Illinois, with 21,000, and New York, at 20,000.)

In the last year alone, more than 50,000 alums have contributed to the Michigan Difference. But the real money is in major gifts—it's expected that 85 percent of the goal will come from gifts of $100,000 or more. The largest to date is New York real estate developer Stephen M. Ross's $100 million contribution to the U-M's business school, a gift so generous that the school has been renamed in his honor.

There have been other recent large gifts too. Bill and Dee Brehm of McLean, Virginia, gave $44 million to fund a juvenile diabetes center. The Flint-based Mott Foundation made a $25 million grant toward a new women's and children's Mott Hospital. And Detroit developer Samuel Frankel and his wife, Jean, gave $20 million to the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies.

Originally capital campaigns were just that—special drives to raise money for buildings and endowment. Now they count every penny raised during their term. The Michigan Difference is seeking $500 million for buildings and $800 million for the university's endowment—but the goal also includes $800 million in "expendable" funds to be used immediately, and $400 million in new bequests.

At the time it was announced, the Michigan Difference was the most ambitious campaign ever launched by a public university. It's a sign of how important—and competitive—fund-raising has become that Michigan held that title for less than a month: last June, the University of Virginia went public with a drive to raise $3 billion by 2011.

From offices in Wolverine Towers, capital campaign director Robert Groves and a staff of 135 are seeking support from the U-M's 430,000 alumni.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Deal with Delhi

"The Michigan Department of Transportation missed this one," joked Scott Hedberg at the first East Delhi Conservancy meeting in March.

Hedberg was referring, tongue in cheek, to the fact that the East Delhi Bridge is one of few remaining wrought-iron trestle bridges in the area. But the bridge is so decrepit that it's certified only for vehicles three tons and under—a fully loaded Volvo SUV weighs more than that. The county road commission first applied for aid to fix the bridge in 1984 and now has federal and state funding that would pay 95 percent of the estimated $1.5 million cost to build a modern two-lane bridge.

But the members of the conservancy don't want a new bridge—they want the county to rehabilitate the one-lane span. Made up of Delhi residents, Ann Arbor citizens, nature lovers, and historians, the group is cochaired by teacher Gillian Ferrington and county historic district head Nancy Snyder. In May the county agreed to study whether the bridge should be declared "historic." But according to Ken Reiter, the road commission transportation planner assigned to the Delhi project, even that classification would by no means guarantee that it'll stay at Delhi. Produced in factories and assembled on site, truss bridges are relatively easy to move. As Reiter points out, "it doesn't need to be in its setting for it to be historic."

For the conservancy, the biggest challenge is that the available funds can be used only to replace the bridge, not to repair it. (Those rules have since changed, but because this money was received under the state's 1984 Critical Bridge Fund guidelines, the old rules apply.) So the fate of the bridge is likely to come down to money—namely, whether the conservancy can raise enough to persuade the road commission that repair is a realistic alternative.

Most other truss bridges on the Huron are already gone. The Mast Road Bridge in Dexter was replaced with a new two-lane bridge. The Bell Road Bridge was taken off the river and set on the side of the road. The one encouraging example for the conservancy is the Maple (Foster) Road Bridge, which was saved and rehabilitated in 2003.

But the $225,000 raised for that project depended on a big gift from the village of Barton Hills—money that won't be available to Delhi. The Maple-Foster project also caused the road commission lots of headaches and cost it lots of money—money which, it claims, it cannot afford to spend again.

The final decision will be made by the three road commissioners—Fred Veigel, David Rutledge, and Tim Eder. Ferrington's Emerson School third-graders already have been lobbying them on the conservancy's behalf. One student, Nathan, wrote that it was "the most beauti-

The East Delhi Conservancy's Gillian Ferrington and Nancy Snyder. The group has six months to raise the funds needed to save the rare wrought-iron trestle bridge.

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ful bridge in the world" and asked, "Could you go over to Europe and destroy the castles? . . . No you couldn't so how could you tare down the Delhi Bridge?" Annie, her I's dotted with hearts, recalled riding across it in the summer on her bike, and pleaded, "Please don't reck the bridge!"

The conservancy has asked the road commission for six months to come up with outside funding sources. The commission has agreed—but only so long as it doesn't miss its deadline to accept the money to replace the bridge. According to Reiter, the issue is likely to come to a vote in October or November.

COMMUTING

The U-M's Migrant Labor

Ann Arbor is one of the state's largest importers of workers.

More than 58,000 people work in the city but don't live here. That's a figure matched by Lansing and exceeded only by Grand Rapids, Detroit, and several Detroit suburbs, according to the 2000 census.

In fact, almost as many people commute into Ann Arbor as the 60,000 who live and work here. And in-commuters outnumber, three to one, the 20,000 residents who travel to jobs outside of town. The big draw, of course, is the U-M. Including the Health System, it has 33,000 faculty and staff members—and only 10,000 of them live in Ann Arbor.

The census doesn't tell us why more people don't live closer to their Ann Arbor jobs. It's a good guess, though, that the answer is tied to salary scales: well-paid commuters may prefer suburban living, while many others simply can't afford to live here. (Motivations are probably different in Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Detroit—where housing is cheap but many neighborhoods aren't desirable.)

Of our town's 58,000 nonresident jobholders, about 31,500 live elsewhere in Washtenaw County. Many of the rest commute considerable distances—from northern Ohio, all of Detroit's suburbs, the I-275/I-75 corridor, mid-Michigan, and beyond.

The vast majority of these commuters drive alone, creating a huge demand for parking spaces. The U-M issues permits for 18,200 parking spaces in or near the campus core areas. Another 3,200 U-M workers pay less to park in commuter lots and hop onto U-M buses. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority operates five park-and-ride lots that together host about 775 cars per day.

The U-M runs a van pool program; participants get free close-in parking spaces and pay no expenses except gas. Yet only about 300 commuters use the vans. Another 850 people were looking for ride matches in April when the AATA revived its "ride share" carpooling program after a temporary hiatus caused by a shift in state funding.

Even taken together, those official park-and-riders and carpoolers—and the few nonresidents who use public transportation to get to jobs in town—amount to a drop in the huge commuter bucket. It's impossible, of course, to measure exactly the number of people who informally carpool to work, but one look at the vehicles heading into town on North Main on a weekday morning makes it clear they are a small minority.

It's likely that close to 50,000 cars are driven into the city every day to transport workers to jobs here. Their average trip length isn't known, but let's estimate an average twenty-mile round-trip commute for the 31,500 nonresident workers inside the county and an average fifty-mile round-trip commute for the 16,500 Ann Arbor workers who live outside of Washtenaw County.

Do the math, and the result is startling: people who work here but don't live here drive nearly 1.5 million commuting miles every workday. If their vehicles get an average twenty miles per gallon, local commuters account for 1.5 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions a day. The environmental burden of all those road miles, gas consumption, and resulting greenhouse gases might be a sizzling ingredient to add to the current debate about housing density and parkland in Ann Arbor.

THEATER

Arb Arts Goes to Moscow

When Kate Mendeloff's troupe makes its international debut this month, traditionalist Russian theatergoers are in for a shock.

"The kind of theater we do is extremely unusual in Russia," says Mendeloff, a cutting-edge directorial exponent of an expansive discipline called environmental theater. "The informality we practice is very foreign to

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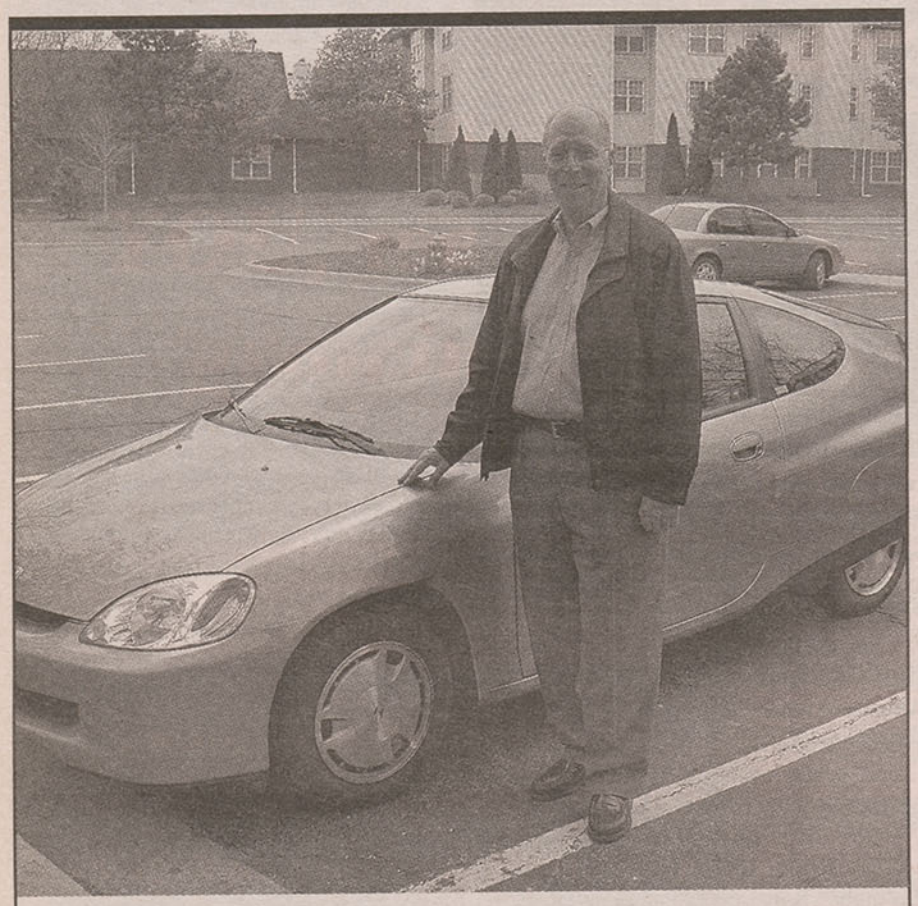

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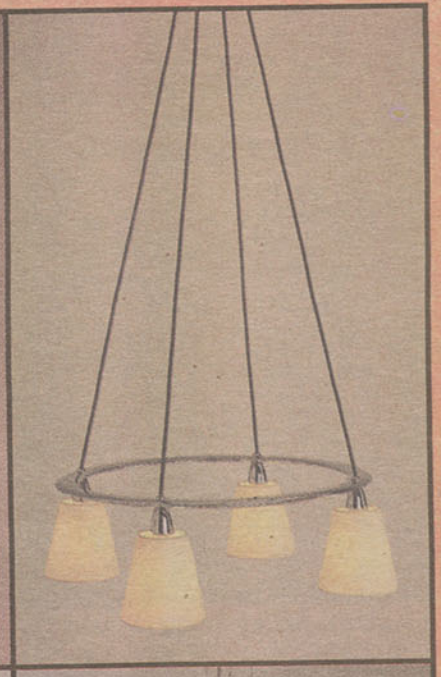

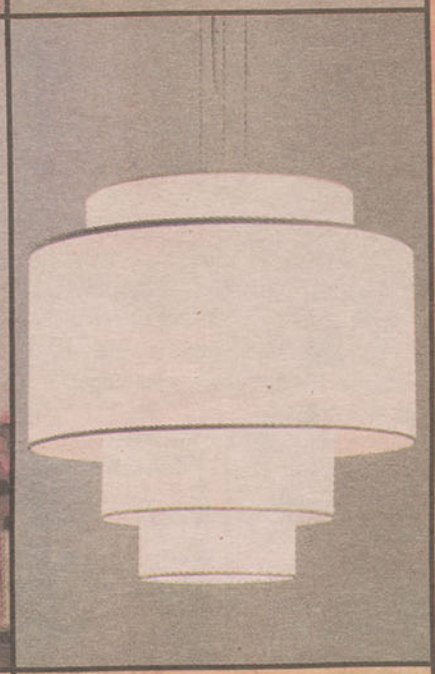

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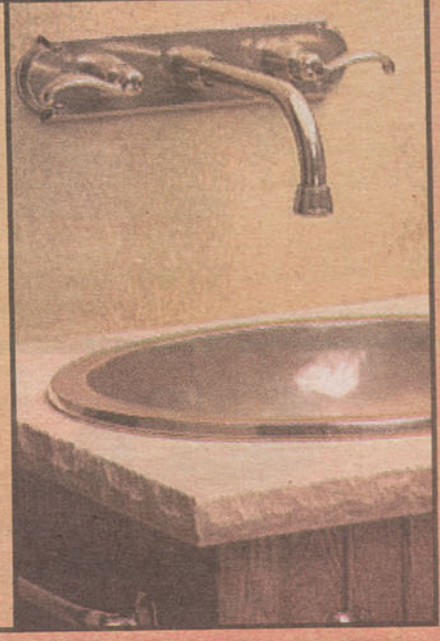

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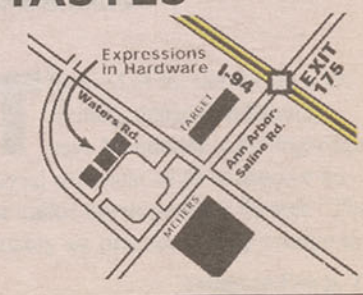


Calls & Letters

HRP and the Dems

To the Observer:

As a veteran of the Ann Arbor political wars (as a Democrat) when the Human Rights Party (HRP) was active, I enjoyed reading Eve Silberman's retrospective ["Bringing the Revolution Home," May Observer], but it did miss the mark in a few areas. Silberman says that, after the 1972 election produced a five-Republican, four-Democrat, two-HRP City Council, "nothing could happen without HRP's support." This is obviously untrue—a combination of Democrats and Republicans could pass anything they wanted—and it put the lie to one of HRP's chief political arguments: that there was no substantial difference between the two major "capitalist" parties. Ann Arbor Democrats then, as now, were an extremely liberal bunch and were more in agreement with the HRP than the GOP on many issues. The only reason that the HRP had any leverage was because the Democrats tried to find ways to work with it, rather than forging compromises with the far more conservative GOP.

Silberman also fails to mention what was, perhaps, the biggest impact of the presence of the HRP—the election of many Republicans, who benefited from the fracturing of the left-of-center majority in the city. It was criticism of its impact in this way that led the HRP, as much as anything, to propose preferential voting—but only for mayor. The self-proclaimed "party of principle" did not support this alternative voting system for city council races, where it would have reduced the HRP's prospects for success.

Tom Wieder

The Duhks' debut

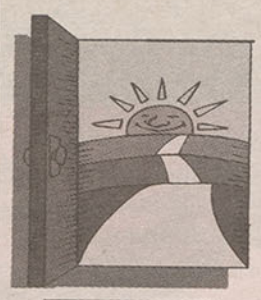
Sheila Graziano, artist director of the Saline Celtic Festival, e-mailed to point out an error in our May Events review of Canadian folk fusionists the Duhks—our description of their May 8 Ark concert as their area debut. "I had the Duhks at our event in 2002 (this was actually their first gig in the U.S.!) AND in 2004," Graziano pointed out. "They also did a concert in the park in Chelsea in 2002."

Ann Arbor Granite

A correction to the five-year Follow-Up in Marketplace Changes for April: Ann Arbor Granite moved earlier this year from Highland Drive, south of town, to a 15,000-square-foot granite and slab facility at 260 Metty Drive, off Jackson Road. Also, Shawn Keene, who was a co-owner of Ann Arbor Granite in April 2000, is now the sole owner.

Stanley Livingston, photographer

An Observer story last December on the 1971 John Sinclair Freedom Rally included a photo of John Lennon and Yoko Ono onstage at Crisler Arena (below). We have recently learned that our credit line for that historic photo was wrong. Our apologies to the true photographer, Stanley Livingston.



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Arb Arts' *Praises and Lies* blends Anton Chekhov with Tennessee Williams.

Russian audiences. Nobody sits on the ground there. They still dress up to go to the theater. The whole idea of seeing a play by traveling through an environment, of not having formal seating, is a very new idea."

Mendeloff is a lecturer at the U-M Residential College, and Arb Arts is the performing arm of the RC drama program. The group takes its name from its productions of Shakespeare in Nichols Arboretum—shows that have gloriously validated the Bard's declaration that all the world's a stage. Imagine *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with King Oberon standing atop a high woodland hill, boomingly announcing his arrival to fairy queen Titania—then bounding down the hillside to his consort's candlelit lair.

The group's presentation at the Chekhov International Theater Festival will be a world premiere of sorts—*Praises and Lies,* a one-hour drama that mixes Anton Chekhov's *The Sea Gull* with Tennessee Williams's little-known *Sea Gull* rewrite, *The Notebook of Trigorin.* Director and writer Mendeloff transposed the setting from rural Russia to rural Louisiana in the 1930s and added snippets from other Williams plays, pantomime to condense many gaps in narration, singers and instrumentalists performing New Orleans jazz of the time, and Tennessee Williams himself (played by fellow RC lecturer Martin Walsh) as a kind of overseer-commentator on the events at hand.

One certainly can't accuse Mendeloff—who honed her theater skills at the Yale School of Drama—of playing it safe in a land far, far away. Not only will her Muscovite audiences have to adapt to a *Sea Gull* the likes of which they've never encountered before, they'll also have to adjust to watching the play unfold from place to place to place—literally.

"We'll probably be performing the show in a park in Moscow," says the director, who toured the city last year in search of the perfect setting. "Ideally we want the audience to encounter people acting everywhere they look, to find themselves immersed in a different world."

As much a realist as her realistic settings, Mendeloff doesn't consider her play or players "among the big boys" of the Chekhov Festival, which will feature more than 100 stage companies from around the world. Even so, her always-in-motion approach may prove the most surprising to Moscow theater lovers.

"What Kate does is invite people to come to think," *says Arb Arts dramaturge Leonora Ivanitsky. "They'll have to turn on their minds to understand what is going on."*

GRAPHIC ARTS

Manga Mania Hits Ann Arbor

Area youth (and a few older folks) are embracing Japanese comics.

They're checked out almost as soon as they come in—colorful paperbacks, often read from back to front, illustrated with drawings of saucer-eyed people. In the last year, the Ann Arbor District Library has built its collection of Japanese comics from practically zero to almost 500 titles. Yet even now, says teen services librarian Erin Helmrich, manga "are the only thing that show up regularly on the 'hold' list for teenagers."

A few blocks from the downtown library, teenagers gather around the manga shelves at the store Vault of Midnight. "We all have the same passion," says Elizabeth Gidcomb, seventeen, who has arrived with three Brighton High friends to check out titles with names like *Naruto* and *InuYasha.* Gidcomb says she enjoys manga partly because of the stylized drawings of the comics and also because the stories are such fun. In *InuYasha,* she explains, "a girl from the future falls in love with a boy from the past." *Naruto*—a best-seller—tells the story of a mischievous teenage boy who is studying to be a ninja and is haunted by the spirit of the evil Nine-Tailed Fox.

Compared to American comics, "manga are more like novels, complete and detailed worlds that are the vision of a single author," writes fan Eri Izawa on his website. "The characters remain consistent, and they are allowed to grow and develop."

"Everyone in Japan pretty much reads them," says librarian Helmrich, "whether you're a ten-year-old girl living in the country or a seventy-five-year-old man in Tokyo." There are sports manga, romance manga, business manga, historical manga, and hard-core manga. Manga often become the basis for anime films—or vice versa.

The anime connection has helped to make Americans aware of manga. Particularly popular are the works of Hayao Miyazaki, "the Japanese Disney," whose *Spirited Away* won the Academy Award for best animated feature two years ago.

Curtis Sullivan, co-owner of Vault of Midnight, says that his store has always carried some manga, but that sales have shot up in the past three years. According to ICv2, a company that sells anime, sales of manga jumped 40 to 50 percent last year alone. Another sign of manga's popularity: Del Rey Books, an imprint of Random House, last year became the first major U.S. publisher to launch a manga line.

While teenagers remain the top buyers locally, Sullivan says he's sold copies of Lone Wolf and Cub*—about the travails of a seventeenth-century Japanese executioner who travels around with his infant son—to middle-aged customers. A passionate manga fan himself, Sullivan insists that* Lone Wolf *"should be in schools—it's that good. You think it's just a simple tale of revenge, but it's way more layered."* ■

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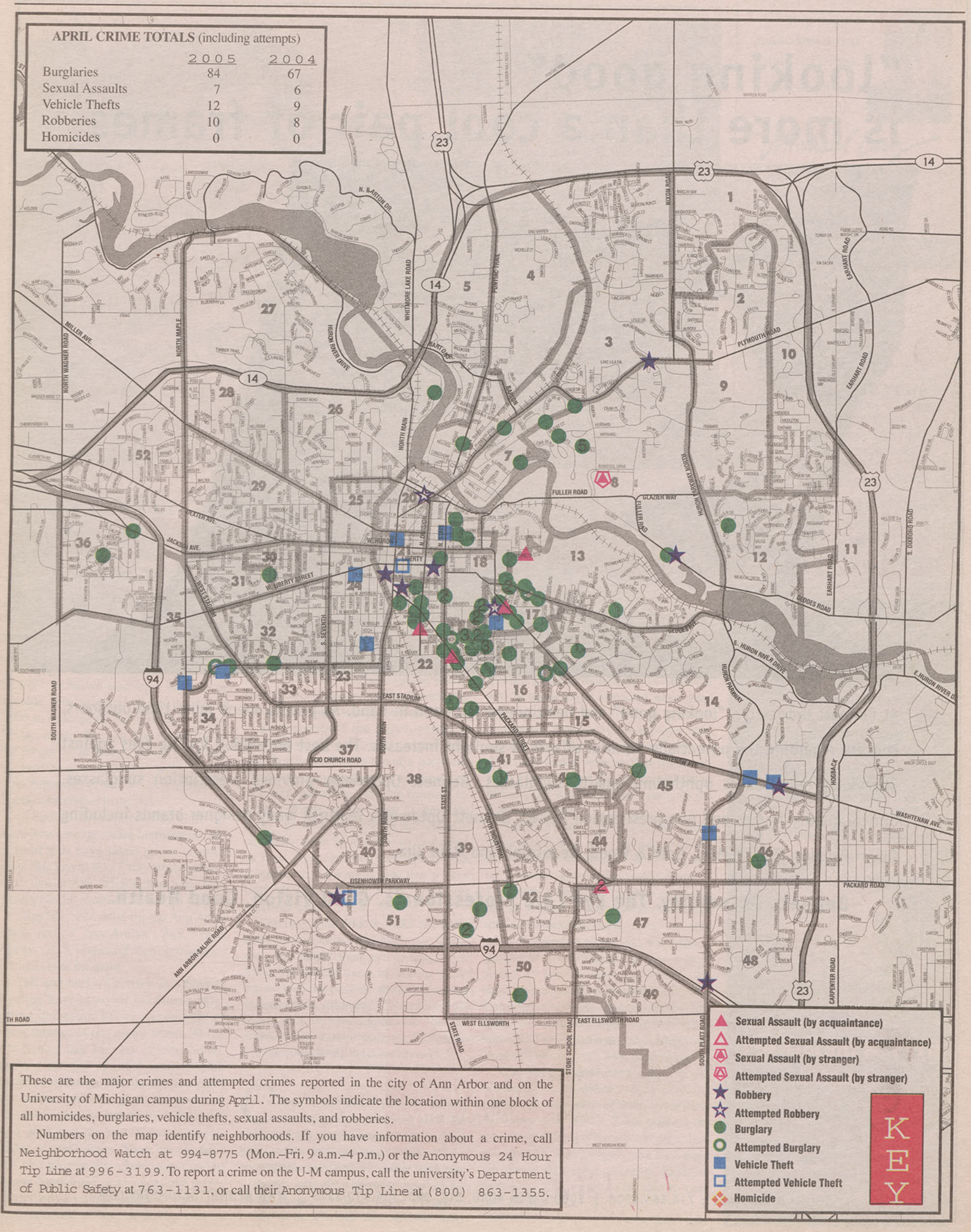
Homicides	0	0



These are the major crimes and attempted crimes reported in the city of Ann Arbor and on the University of Michigan campus during April. The symbols indicate the location within one block of all homicides, burglaries, vehicle thefts, sexual assaults, and robberies.

Numbers on the map identify neighborhoods. If you have information about a crime, call Neighborhood Watch at 994-8775 (Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.) or the Anonymous 24 Hour Tip Line at 996-3199. To report a crime on the U-M campus, call the university's Department of Public Safety at 763-1131, or call their Anonymous Tip Line at (800) 863-1355.

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Chess teacher Ray Garrison

Teaching Ann Arbor kids winning ways

This year's K–5 state champ, Eric Larson, has a lesson.

When Ray Garrison bought the downtown store Chess Express in 1997, he started teaching a few kids on the side. Sensing a need, he sold the store in 2000 to concentrate full time on teaching. Today, mostly through Ann Arbor Rec & Ed programs, he teaches the ancient strategy game to about 250 kids—and has made Ann Arbor one of the strongest children's-chess communities in the state.

School teams mentored by Garrison have won nine state team tournaments, and several kids have taken prizes on their own. "He knows a lot," says Atulya Shetty, nine. One of Ann Arbor's chess whiz kids, Atulya has, on occasion, beaten his teacher.

"Ray has been good for the Ann Arbor chess scene," says Atulya's dad, Sharat Shetty. "He's wonderful about getting kids excited about the game."

Tall and lanky, Garrison is a boyish-looking forty-two-year-old whose easy-going demeanor belies stereotypes of chess fanatics as unsociable loners. At Logan School one Tuesday evening he unpacks a cart full of chess paraphernalia: games, workbooks, and lots of chess piece key chains, which he gives out as prizes. The session begins with fifteen minutes of free play, and the kids enthusiastically gather at small tables. There are ten boys and two girls in this class, not counting Larisa Svintsitski, a ten-year-old prize-winner who's visiting tonight to watch her four-year-old sister Anna, the class's youngest student. "I don't know why more girls aren't into chess," Larisa says. "More girls are, like, into softball. There's a lot more active things they can do."

Meanwhile Anna sits at a table, unsmiling, and concentrates on her game against seven-year-old Katie Lastoskie. Although Anna knows how to make the moves, Larisa explains, she hasn't got a grip on chess strategy yet, and can usually concentrate only for an hour or so. At a nearby table, Jeffrey Bond, nine, explains that he took up chess because "all my friends play. I thought it looked like a cool game."

Garrison calls the kids together to demonstrate chess moves on a plastic display board hanging on top of a bookcase. He throws out questions to the group, all of whom, including Anna, are listening intently. "Where do you want to move the king?" he asks, and follows the shouted-out instructions. In response to a question he says, "You can force a checkmate with a bishop and a knight, but that's very hard." He also tells the group, "You guys are really smart."

Teaching kids how to make the basic chess moves doesn't take long, says Garrison—he's taught some even younger than Anna. The hardest thing, he says, is teaching the kids the patience needed to master various chess strategies. "When the kids come, they're very impulsive," he explains. "They want to make the first move without considering the consequences."

Chess is extremely popular among second-graders, Garrison says. He notices a big drop—particularly among girls—when kids get into middle school and become involved with other activities. Although girls are a minority in all of his chess classes, Garrison makes a point of telling all the kids that although more boys play, "the girls are better." The boys don't like hearing this, he says, but it tends to put the girls at ease.

Chess has become so popular in Ann Arbor that Rec & Ed now has two teachers—the other is Ben Finegold, the top-ranked player in Michigan. Garrison himself ranks seventieth in the state (he says he tends to get distracted when playing in tournaments). Garrison is also a competitive Internet Scrabble player, currently ranked fourth in the world on an Australia-based website that tracks almost 5,000 players. He has committed to memory all 900 three-letter words in the English language.

Raised in Lapeer and Royal Oak, Garrison learned chess from his dad at seven, and he played on his high school team. After graduating from Michigan State in 1987 with a degree in package engineering, he worked as a comptroller at a hotel and a bed-and-breakfast. "I was not sure what the purpose of my life was when I graduated from college, but now I have found my purpose and my calling," he says. He moved to Ann Arbor from the Lansing area to buy and run Chess Express. "I've been self employed from chess since '97," says Garrison, who's single and lives in Pinckney. "It's been good to me."

Garrison also runs chess camps in the summer, but he doesn't teach chess to adults—he says most of them learn from the Internet or books. Some parents do stay through class with their children. The kids, though, aren't always sure they want the grown-ups in there learning. Explains Garrison, "They want to be able to beat their parents."

—Eve Silberman

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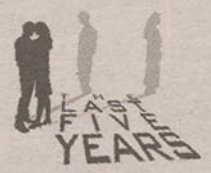

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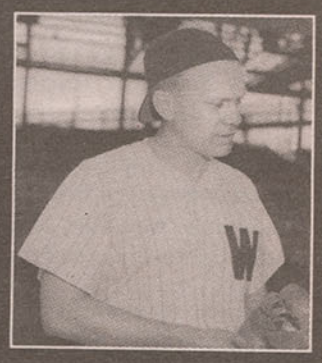

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- City Code (chapters 47 and 49) requires property owners to properly maintain the sidewalks and public walkways adjacent or abutting their property for the use of the public.
- Properly maintained sidewalks contribute to the liability and aesthetic image of our City.

Property owners may verify that a contractor has a permit by calling the Community Services Area at (734) 994-2674 at least one day before work begins. Hint: Multiple property owners working together may receive lower prices from a contractor. More information is available on the City's website at:www.a2gov.org/sidewalk

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Whose responsibility is it to maintain and repair the public sidewalks and walkways?

A: Per City Code, Chapter 49, Section 4:58, all sidewalks within the city shall be kept and maintained in good repair by the owner of the adjacent land.

Q: How do I report a sidewalk that needs repair? How can I check if my sidewalk needs repair?

A: You simply talk with the City's Customer Service Center at **(734) 994-2818**. This call will trigger a request to the Technical Services Unit for a sidewalk inspection. If repairs are needed, the City will notify the property owner by letter of the specific requirements to bring the sidewalk into compliance.

Q: What if the sidewalk damage appears to be caused by tree roots?

A: Please call **(734) 994-2818** to initiate an inspection by a staff person from forestry and/or the Technical Services Unit to see if a problematic root can be removed without endangering the stability and health of the tree. The property owner is still responsible for the sidewalk repair costs.

Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Procedures:

1. Property owners or contractors may obtain the specifications and standards for sidewalk repair from the City's **Community Services Area, located on the Sixth Floor of City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.**
2. If you plan to do the repair yourself, contact the Community Services Area to obtain a right-of-way permit to work within the public right of way 48 hours prior to the work; you must submit certified proof of insurance in the amount of $100,000.
3. If you plan to have a contractor do the work, have them obtain a right-of-way permit from the Community Services Area 48 hours prior to starting work. In order to be granted the permit, the contractor must submit a certified proof of public liability insurance in the amount of $500,000.

My Town

MARGARET WHITE TEALL

Culture shock

From Edinburgh to Ann Arbor

"You've chosen a very American place to come to," our friend José told us on our first night in Ann Arbor. It certainly felt different from our old home, Edinburgh, the picturesque Scottish capital with its medieval castle, sandstone buildings, and rugged hills, but we've chosen it as our home for the next few years.

I didn't think I would experience any culture shock—after all, we'd travelled extensively around the United States, and we speak the same language. Yeah, right! I thought it was simply a case of "We say 'tomahto,' you say 'tomaydo,'" but when I ask for stock cubes in the grocery store, I'm met with utter incomprehension. Finally, the shop assistant ventures, "You mean, as in chicken?" Turns out I was after bouillon cubes. It was news to me, as were lox, scallions, and garbanzo beans. And I don't know why everybody keeps telling me I'm "all set." Still, at least I can understand what people are saying (most of the time) and they can understand me (even if some of my expressions—like asking to "use the loo"—occasionally seem to cause bursts of hilarity).

The biggest challenge for me personally is having to get behind the wheel of a car after ten years when I didn't drive. There was simply no need to in Europe—I could walk or cycle anywhere or take public transport. I know that by American standards there's quite a decent bus service in Ann Arbor, but I'm spoilt, and a bus every half an hour just doesn't do it for me. So reluctantly I reacquaint myself with the car and drive through downtown. Oh, it looks nice, all the small shops and the brewpubs. My husband, Jim, and I are very pleased with our choice of location—until we look for a parking space. It's not easy to park in Ann Arbor when you've just got off the plane and have no quarters in your wallet. The last car we owned was a Mini, but now Jim has fulfilled his dream of buying a big, old American car—a Mercury Grand Marquis. Parking downtown isn't going to get any easier for me!

Our next big cultural experience was Briarwood mall, possibly the biggest shopping center I've ever been to (that probably sounds pathetic). We arrived at opening time and came across a group of senior citizens doing calisthenics. We felt as if we were intruding on something, and Jim made desperate moves to escape. But then we realised that it's simply a popular meeting place—apart from the old-timers, there are also toddlers playing on big plastic statues, while their moms sit around in comfy armchairs—and we immersed ourselves in mall culture.

The range of choices everywhere is something we're not used to, though some of the choices I could do without. "What colour do you want your chequebook?" we were asked at the bank. Later we were mesmerised, and slightly shell shocked, by the rows of products in the grocery stores. A whole aisle dedicated to ramen noodles! And there is even low-carb bread and low-carb beer. How is this possible—and why would anybody want it?

When it comes to restaurants, bars, and coffee shops, however, the choice in Ann Arbor is something I wouldn't want to do without. So is the friendly service. Our new bank manager welcomed us personally (in Britain, you can be happy if they give you a bank account at all) and our Realtor offered to take me shopping. Then, just when we felt fully satisfied by the fabulous service culture here, we had to visit the secretary of state's office; that took us back down to earth.

In European eyes, it is very strange that the area close to campus is given over to a student "ghetto" when it should be prime property. The big old houses near campus are beautiful, but the peeling paint, garbage (and this in a town that is otherwise blissfully rubbish-free), and soggy sofas don't do the neighbourhood any favours. Still, I guess the students have to live somewhere before they turn into responsible citizens, so they might as well be all grouped together in one giant party community.

José was right: Ann Arbor does seem to be a very American place, but one that hasn't made the mistakes of many other U.S. cities—like letting the car take over completely, like building an ugly high-rise downtown, or like forgetting to provide ample green spaces to relax in. I think we will be happy here. Now we just need to find ourselves a nice house with a big porch, and we'll be all set.

—Sonja Brodie

Secret identity

Banking encounter

The bank teller said, "I need to see some ID."

"What do you need?" asked the young man as he started to fish in the back of his baggy pants.

"Driver's license."

He extracted his wallet from the copious folds and slipped the card under the glass partition. The teller scrutinized it but didn't look up to see whether the photo matched the face, or the long blond hair under the young man's backward baseball cap. Still looking down, she asked, "What is your Social Security number?"

He recited the number. Then he glanced furtively over his shoulder.

I was first in line behind him. I smiled and tried to be reassuring: "I didn't memorize it." Everyone behind me laughed. Someone called out, "But I did." More laughter.

The young man shrugged and grinned at us sheepishly. "You know . . . identity theft."

We all nodded our heads and murmured sympathetically. We understood.

The teller looked up, a puzzled expression on her face, having finally registered the unusual activity before her. The young man explained, "You know . . . when I gave you my Social Security number?"

Comprehension dawning, she moved on. "Want to know your balance?"

"Yes, please," the young man replied.

She studied her computer screen briefly and then looked up. Slowly she surveyed us all, like an actress relishing her dramatic moment. Finally, she looked at the young man, lowered her voice conspiratorially, and said, "I'll write it down for you."

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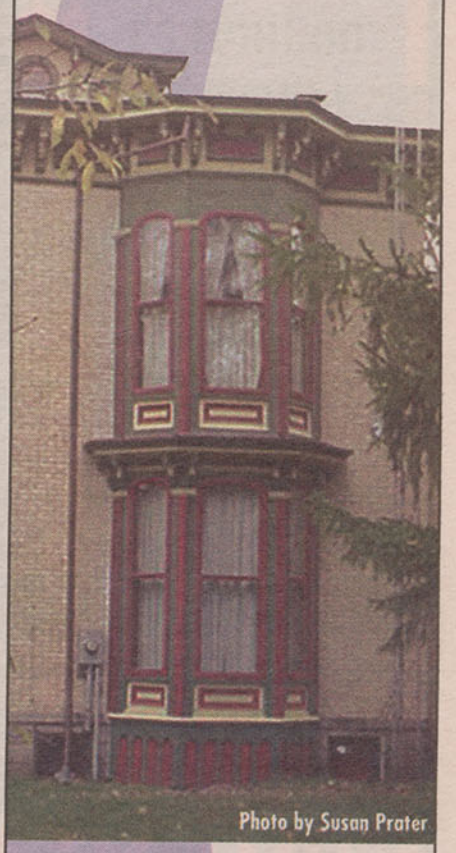

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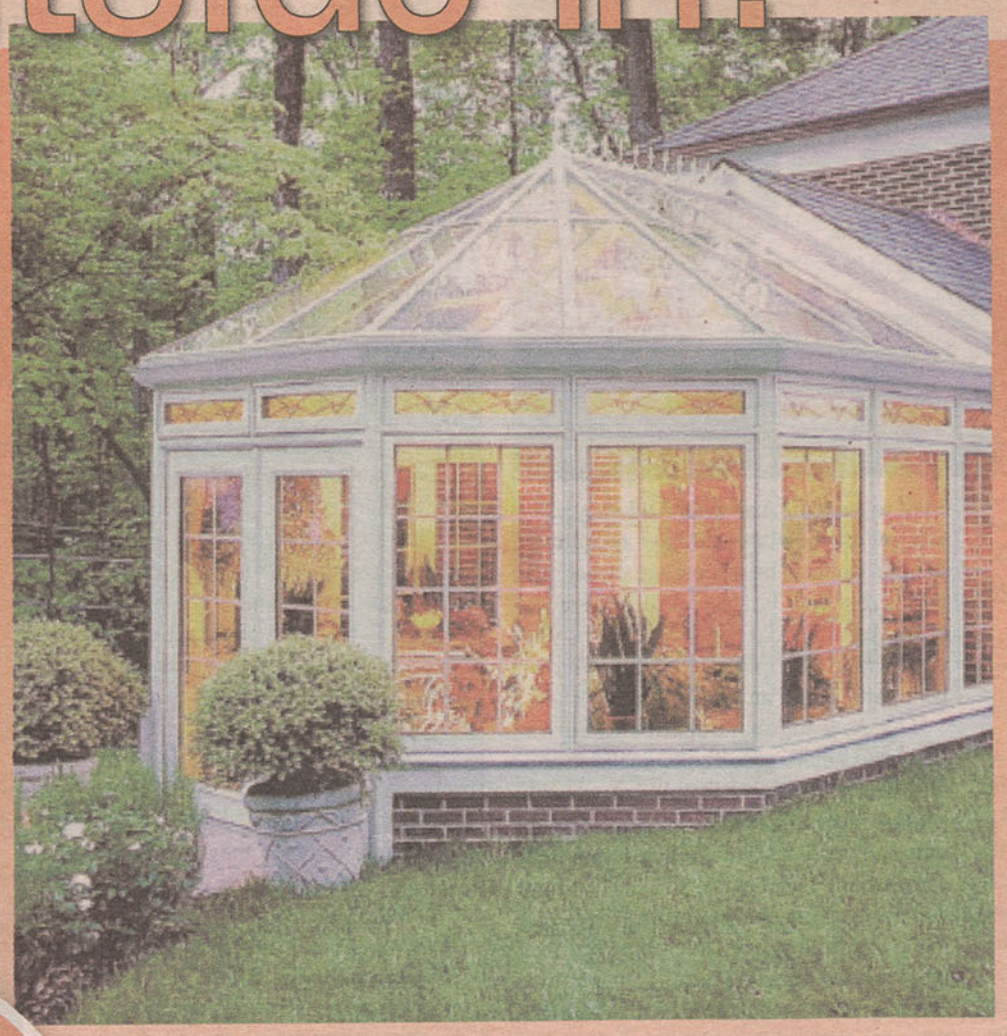

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We couldn't resist. "Tell us, tell us," we chorused raucously.

All business again, she ignored us. As she wrote a note and slid it under the partition, the rest of us continued to chat and joke. Somehow, imagining ourselves as identity thieves had let us drop our guards and step out from behind the boundaries we usually put up in public.

The young man slipped the paper into his pocket and turned to leave. Some of us said good-bye. He waved shyly and sauntered out.

—Sandor Slomovits

Pothead polemic

A little help from my friends

Until recently, I was a drug dealer. I wasn't a very good one. For instance, I never knew what to say on the phone. You can't just call up the guy you buy pot from and say, "Okay, Bart, I've got four friends with fifty dollars each. How much weed does that buy us? And is it like that last batch you had? Because that was *fantastic*." No, you have to use clever slang to conceal your intentions. Marijuana is, after all, illegal.

This is quite difficult for me as a middle-aged, white, professional parent. I'm not enmeshed in the "drug culture" portrayed by the government and media. But then again, neither are the people I sold weed to. Most of my "clients" were just friends or acquaintances who were in the same boat I was—unable to understand why smoking pot in our own house is illegal. And unable to obtain it through the usual channels. We don't even know what the usual channels are.

Here's a list of some people I helped to illegally acquire marijuana: a professor, five local business owners, a lawyer, and a few (white, wealthy) housewives with young children. I sold pot to musicians, and also to a registered Republican. Although I'm sure there are crack addicts and people who rob, rape, assault, and murder who also smoke pot, none of the people I personally know is a dangerous criminal. We carpool, plant the garden, attend PTO, pay our bills.

I was on the phone with my drug dealer the first time the guys with guns and masks came in to rob him. This man is my friend, and we were discussing a new, legal business he was starting. Suddenly I heard "Put the phone down, motherfucker, or we'll blow the girl's head off." It took me a moment to understand what was happening. He dropped the phone, but I could still hear. He was saying "Okay, okay" while the other voice screamed, "Where's the money, motherfucker? Where's the dope?" I was so terrified I had to pull over. I sat there for a long time praying for their safety. I heard no gunshots, nothing else. Just silence.

After I got home, I called him on his landline. "Jesus! Are you okay?" I asked.

"You heard that?" he asked.

"Of course I heard it. You didn't hang up the phone."

"Yeah, we're all right," he said. "I've gotta go."

Days later, we talked again. These guys had robbed one of his friends, and he'd been wondering if they knew about him. Their approach was simple: "They rang the doorbell," he told me.

He was terrified. So was I. "I can't do this anymore," I told the professor when she called for a "special order." "I could get killed. My kids could be taken from me."

The second time the guys with guns and masks entered my friend's house to rob (and, he believes, kill) him, he went out the window with his wife and called the police. They arrived at lightning speed and arrested both the intruders and my friend. He's well off and white, so after a year of legal battles, he received only probation. Someone without those privileges likely would have spent time in prison. Even so, he's now a convicted felon. In the eyes of the law, my friend is no better than the bastards who threatened to kill his wife.

I know, pot is illegal. But ask any police officer who he'd rather deal with—a drunk or a pothead. For that matter, which would you rather have in your house: a guy who's drunk or a guy who's stoned?

What's the drunk going to do—throw your TV through the window, maybe? Or urinate on your couch?

What will the stoner do—order a pizza? Or tell you how beautiful your couch is?

You probably know people who illegally smoke pot in their own home at the end of the day, just like those who have a beer or cocktail. I've considered rallying my friends and going door to door in our neighborhoods evangelizing. "Hi," we would say. "We're your neighbors, and we smoke pot. Could we talk to you about it?"

This idea didn't gain much support from my friends, especially the elected official. "Don't use my name in the story," said the professor. "I'll lose my job. My husband will lose his."

This past February, two U-M students were robbed in their own homes, in the middle of the night, at gunpoint. More robberies occurred later in the month. The *Michigan Daily* says no arrests have been made.

In April, after six months of undercover work, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the county narcotics teams announced they had busted twenty-two U-M students and one alum for selling weed—a lot of it. One officer was quoted in the *Ann Arbor News* as laughing because some of the kids were worried about school when they got arrested. They were anxious about missing their finals.

Why would "drug dealers" be worried about doing well in school? How about *because they're responsible members of society?* And unlike armed robbers, they weren't hurting anyone. They were just helping out some friends.

—Jane Smith

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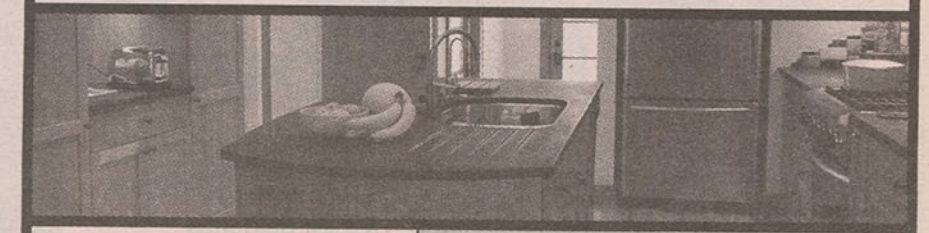

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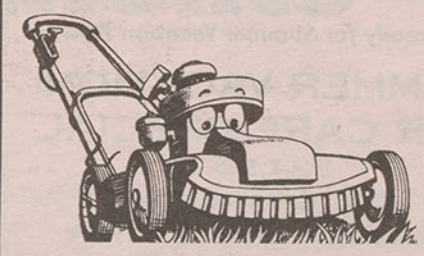

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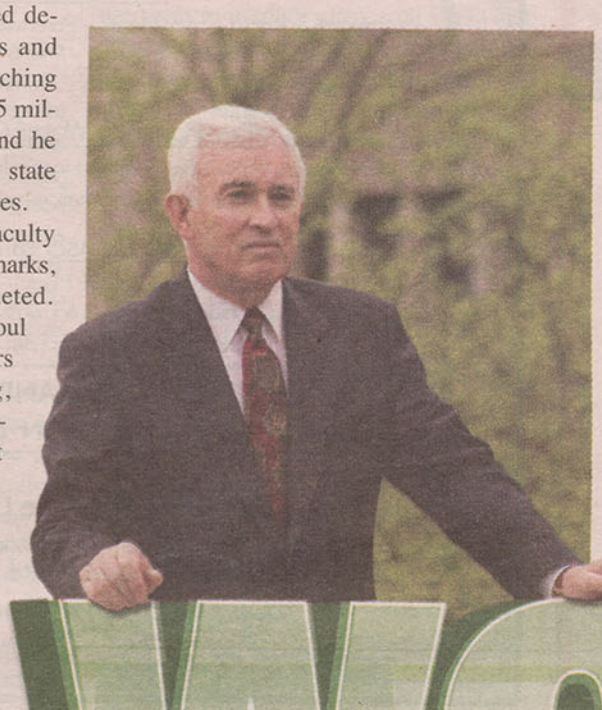

WCC and Its Discontents

Larry Whitworth made the trains run on time at Washtenaw Community College—but it's been a bumpy ride.

by James Leonard

Shortly after he took office in the fall of 1998, Larry Whitworth told an interviewer that his first goal as president of Washtenaw Community College was "to make the trains run on time—to create an organization that's clean and simple and very, very efficient."

For starters, Whitworth downsized a new building named in honor of his predecessor, Gunder Myran. It was only the first of a series of dramatic changes that quickly put Whitworth's personal stamp on the Huron River Drive campus.

Silver haired, sharp eyed, and very persuasive, Whitworth stepped up marketing and boosted enrollment. He pushed departments to update their courses and threw out the entire system for teaching classes off campus. He borrowed $25 million to renovate aging buildings. And he buffered the college against cuts in state aid by building up its financial reserves.

It hasn't all been easy. While faculty give the on-campus changes good marks, off-campus enrollment has plummeted. Plans to double student fees ran afoul of state tuition limits. Some staffers object to Whitworth's controlling, corporate style. And with state revenues falling, some worry about where he'll find the $3 million a year he needs to service that renovation debt.

Resourceful and resilient, Whitworth doesn't seem worried at all.

WCC opened in the autumn of 1966 with 1,200 students in temporary classrooms spread across half the county. Under presidents David Ponitz (1965–1974) and Gunder Myran (1975–1998), enrollment swelled to 16,000.

In the final five years of Myran's administration, enrollment rose by a respectable 10 percent. During the same period, however, the school's annual operating budget ballooned by 43 percent, from $35 million to $50 million. Revenues, from state and local taxes and tuition, always matched expenditures. But after the state started to cut funding in the mid-1980s, the school's financial reserves shrank to near zero and stayed near zero until the voters agreed to raise taxes.

Many people who worked for him describe Myran's managerial style as "collegial" and "comfortable." But some also claim that toward the end of his twenty-three-year-long administration, the college became stagnant. One veteran administrator says the school had become so overburdened with programs, systems, and committees that "it was nearly impossible to get anything accomplished."

Myran says that he heard some of those same criticisms while he was in office, and that they've "always been amazing to me. How do you think the new buildings got built?" Indeed, 80 percent of the present campus was built or renovated during his tenure. One final project, a new library, was in the planning stages when he retired. The trustees voted to name it in Myran's honor.

Then Whitworth took office and shrank it. The building was going to cost more than budgeted, he says, and a top floor had been added that wasn't really needed. By lopping it off, he was able to complete the library at the original price.

With the unanimous backing of the trustees, Whitworth went on to close committees, streamline systems, and drop old programs. Betting that the same number of students would attend the same number of classes, he shrank air-conditioning instruction from a five-year to a one-year program and made similar reductions in welding, auto mechanics, and other occupational education programs.

Whitworth won that bet. Even more important, he added Internet professional courses and digital film classes, programs aimed toward higher-end technology jobs. And he upgraded marketing, supplementing WCC's just-the-facts course catalog with a new-job magazine called *CareerFocus*.

In Whitworth's first five years, enrollment grew a substantial 17 percent, to 20,000 students, while the budget rose a reasonable 29 percent, to $71 million—both significant improvements over the final years under Myran. Just as significant, revenues increased more than expenditures, enabling the college to add a hefty $15 million to its reserves despite constant state funding cuts.

The price of this aggressive leadership was a less collegial atmosphere on campus. Stuart Susnick, former chair of the social science department and a former officer of the faculty union, says that the president "acts impatiently, often rashly." A faculty member who asked that his name not be used adds that Whitworth has made "people feel disenfranchised."

Some former employees are blunter. Retired dean Del Blain says that Whitworth's leadership has had a "chilling effect on faculty initiative." Blain's husband, Harry Konschuh, a former WCC trustee and former vice-president for finance, goes farther, charging that Whitworth has "killed any dissent."

Whitworth's critics, however, are a minority among the two dozen current and past staff members interviewed for this article. On examination, it also appears that many of their complaints have less to do with what Whitworth's accomplished than how he's accomplished it. Even many of his critics concede that most of what he's brought about has been good for the school. Whitworth's style—persuasive yet impetuous—is what has alienated some of his staff.

When Whitworth announced plans two years ago for a $47 million campuswide renovation program, nobody doubted that it was necessary. The three original buildings needed new air-handling and electrical systems. The thirty-year-old science labs had to be retrofitted for computers. And everybody agreed that the student center was dark and dingy.

But some did question the way Whitworth planned to pay for the renovations: he proposed to use the $15 million recently added to the reserves, $7 million in revenue savings and tuition increases, and a $25 million bond issue.

Persuaded by five financially successful years under Whitworth, the board approved a $25 million bond with a ten-year maturity. The bond's $3 million annual debt service worried some faculty at the time, and worries some still—one calls it "a burden around our neck." But Judith Wojnowski, WCC's vice-president for administration and finance, points out that even after paying the $3 million debt service, the college was able to add another $3 million to its reserves in fiscal 2004.

Part of the credit for that goes to what were euphemistically called "revenue savings." "We were told that there would be no increases for personnel beyond the operating budget and that every division and area had to reduce their nonpersonnel budget," recalls math department chair Dennis Bila. He says that his department's budget was "frozen" and that there were "dramatic cuts" in its course offerings.

Yet Bila wholeheartedly supports Whitworth's actions. "He cut drafting, and that was a good thing. We were still offering it on paper, and everybody else was offering it on computer. He cut our lower-level courses, and that was a good thing, too. Nobody was really taking them, but we were still offering them. We wouldn't have stopped offering them unless Larry made us take a hard look at what was really going on."

Bila describes Whitworth as "a good leader" and "an excellent president." Having joined the college in 1969 and worked under all three presidents, he says he considers Whitworth "the best of the three."

The most controversial way of paying for the renovations was increased tuition. Because the school gets more than three-quarters of its funding from local and state taxes, WCC's tuition has always been a fraction of the U-M's or EMU's—just $51 per credit for county residents when Whitworth arrived in 1998. In the first five years of his administration, it rose only another $3.

Then, at a board of trustees meeting in March 2003, Whitworth announced that starting that fall, tuition would jump 11 percent, to $60 per credit. It would continue to grow over the next decade and hit $103 per credit in 2013—double what it had been when he took office.

The math department's Bila says the increases were "absolutely necessary" to avoid cutting services. But when the first increase was implemented in the fall of 2003, enrollment stalled. By the end of the last academic year, 20,400 students had attended classes at WCC, down 300 from the year before.

Because credits now cost more, revenue from tuition spiked by $3 million a year. Nevertheless, for the first time since Whitworth joined the school, enrollment at WCC had indubitably dropped. "There is no question that a tuition increase is

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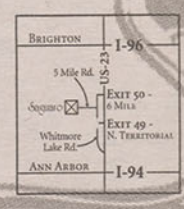

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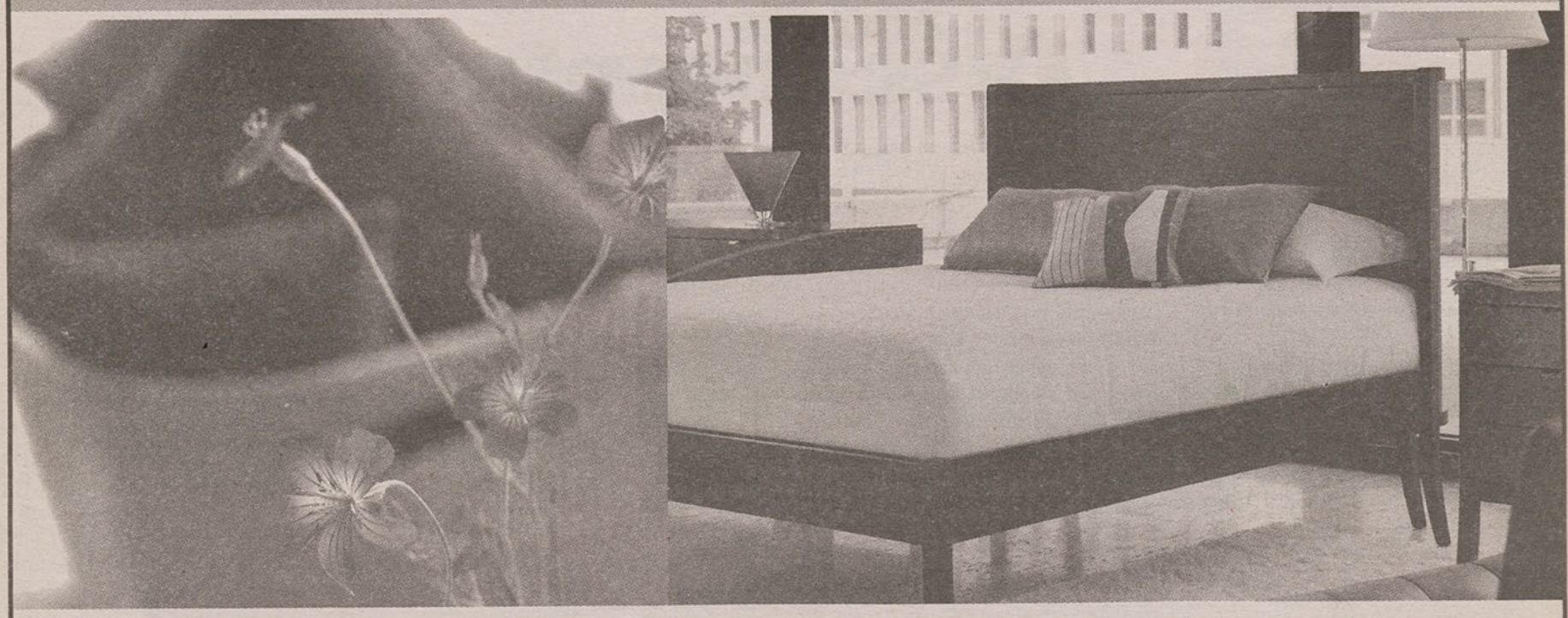

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going to affect enrollment," says Harry Konschuh.

Whitworth doesn't deny that the higher tuition hurt. But he maintains that enrollment fell primarily "because of structural changes. Number one: we stopped the distance learning program."

Del Blain, who had been responsible for the program until she retired, explains that distance learning was a regular section of a course that was televised at specific times in specific off-campus locations. Distance learning made it possible for some students who couldn't get to the Ypsilanti campus to still take courses from WCC.

But Blain says that "Larry made it very clear that distance learning was not an interest when he came." And when he did turn his attention to off-campus education, Whitworth says, he found the program encumbered by scheduling problems. Furthermore, he was "not satisfied with the quality of the distance learning courses."

Although as many as 1,000 students per semester took distance learning classes, Whitworth, in his own words, "pulled the plug" in 2004. Most of the students from Washtenaw County began taking classes on campus, but those from farther away simply stopped taking WCC classes altogether.

Whitworth still wanted off-campus students. But he had his eye on a different kind of distance learning—one aimed directly at the "UA" (for "United Association"—the North American plumbers and pipefitters union).

Since 1990, more than 1,000 members of the UA have been coming to the college every August for a week of instruction. The group currently pays about $1.3 million annually for facilities, staff, and other services, and the college's profit is about $200,000.

The alliance was cemented in 2003, when the college built the $4.7 million Great Lakes Training Center. Although the UA did not pay for the construction, Wojnowski says that the college and the plumbers have "a long-term agreement which will probably pay for it over time."

The center's classrooms double as digital video facilities. Whitworth's plan was to use them to produce classes on DVD that would enable UA members anywhere in the country to get their "certificates of instruction" authorizing them to teach apprentices in their local union halls—while also earning credits for an associate or bachelor's degree.

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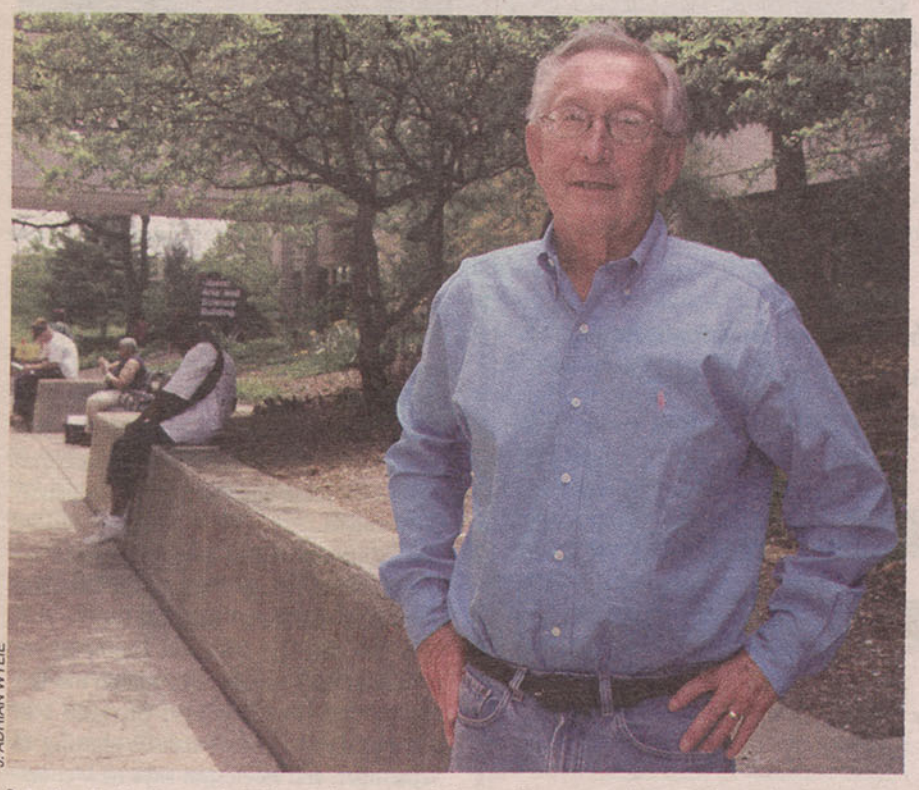
Although distance learning was still supposedly Del Blain's responsibility, Whitworth hired Gloria Eccleston in January 2004 to help administer the new program, which they called College on Demand. Blain retired six months later.

The first College on Demand courses rolled out last fall. There were two sections of basic construction supervision—one of them taught by Whitworth himself—and four general education offer-



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ings. David Fitzpatrick, who teaches a Civil War history class, says that his course is "a direct parallel—a copy, if you will—of the version I deliver every Monday night on campus. The expectations and structures and requirements, the readings and quizzes and papers, are the same. If anything, it's harder."

It's also more expensive. At $70 per credit plus other fees, COD cost nearly twice what distance learning courses had cost. Still, with 150,000 UA members as its primary audience, the administration seemed confident of success. But in the first two months of enrollment last fall, exactly twelve students signed up for the general education classes.

In November, Whitworth announced to

David Fitzpatrick has twenty students in his Civil War history class on campus—but only three in its "College on Demand" counterpart.

the *Ann Arbor News* that the COD courses were now open not just to the plumbers but to the general public. Even so, when the first semester of College on Demand began this past January, only fifty-one students enrolled—twenty-nine in occupational education and twenty-two in general education.

Despite the dismal start, Whitworth remains positive that College on Demand eventually will be a "major driver to provide the college with the financial resources to stay healthy." In March the UA announced that it would provide 600 scholarships for COD classes starting in September, and Eccleston says new courses are being developed.

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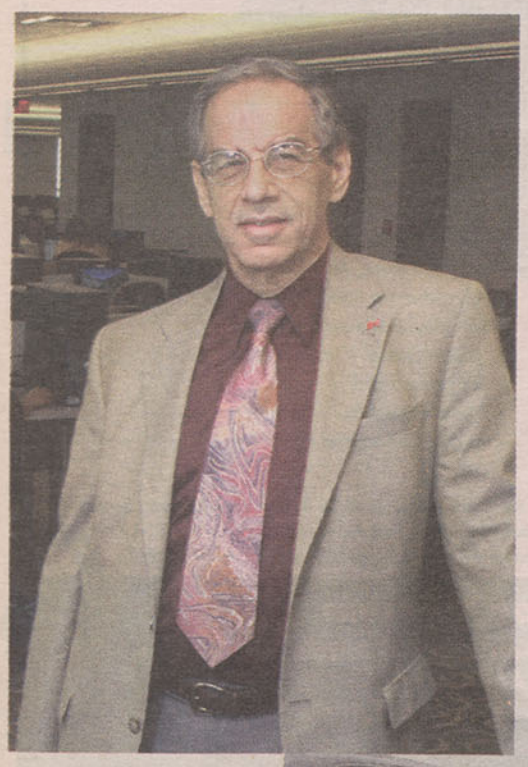
more aggressive marketing campaign, COD might yet live up to Whitworth's hopes. But compared to the 1,000 students who'd taken distance learning, comments history prof Fitzpatrick, "it's tough to see how this could be called a success."

Larry Whitworth himself is the main lightning rod for critics of his regime. But Roger Palay also attracts his share of sparks.

Palay joined the college's math faculty in 1975. He later served as department chair, the head of information services, and the chief negotiator for the faculty union. Three years ago, Whitworth appointed him vice-president for instruction.



In that role, Palay says, he spends most of his time as "a social worker, working with people at all levels of the institution. I try to get them to hear each other, to listen to each other, to understand each other, and to move towards a solution and a resolution."

According to Dennis Bila, who worked with Palay in both the union and the math department, "he has a brash managerial style . . . but he's willing to admit when he makes mistakes and to change policy." Del Blain, who worked with him in information services, says Palay is "a very compassionate type" and "an extremely intelligent man who in earlier days enjoyed being provocative. He's mellowed since then."

Not everyone agrees about the mellowing. "Palay acts arrogantly, often patronizingly," says Stuart Susnick. "He is impatient and headstrong." One faculty member who asked to remain anonymous claims that "people are afraid of Palay." And several call attention to the vanity license plate of Palay's red Cadillac DeVille: "Gnghis."

As it turns out, the plate was a joke birthday present from his family based on Palay's supposed resemblance to a death mask of Genghis Khan. According to some staff, however, the resemblance is more than skin deep.

Palay may be abrupt and brusque, but he knows what he wants: an efficient college offering high-quality instruction. And he is willing to do anything from what he calls social work to what others call bullying to get it. It seems likely that the reason Palay is controversial now, after thirty years at WCC, is that he is finally working for an administration that shares his goals and his methods.

WCC's hard-driving leaders still have plenty of challenges ahead. The latest is a $1.4 million cut in state funding announced in December. Because the state also moved to limit tuition increases, WCC students are still paying just $60 a credit, instead of the $66 envisioned in Whitworth's 2003 plan.

To compensate for the lost revenue, the administration cut another 2 percent from the nonpersonnel budget this year. By year end, Wojnowski predicts, revenues will once again meet expenditures plus debt service—and add as much as $2 million to the school's reserves.

VP Roger Palay's vanity plate was a joking gift from his family—but some faculty say the resemblance to Genghis Kahn is more than skin deep.

Almost all of those interviewed for this article, even the administration's severest critics, said they loved Washtenaw Community College, enjoyed teaching there, and embraced its mission to bring a college education to as many people as possible. Given the size and speed of the administration's changes, it was probably inevitable that some of the staff would object, and would resent the administration that executed them.

But it might not have been inevitable that they would question the administration's candor and doubt its motives. Whitworth and Palay's managerial style accomplished that. ■

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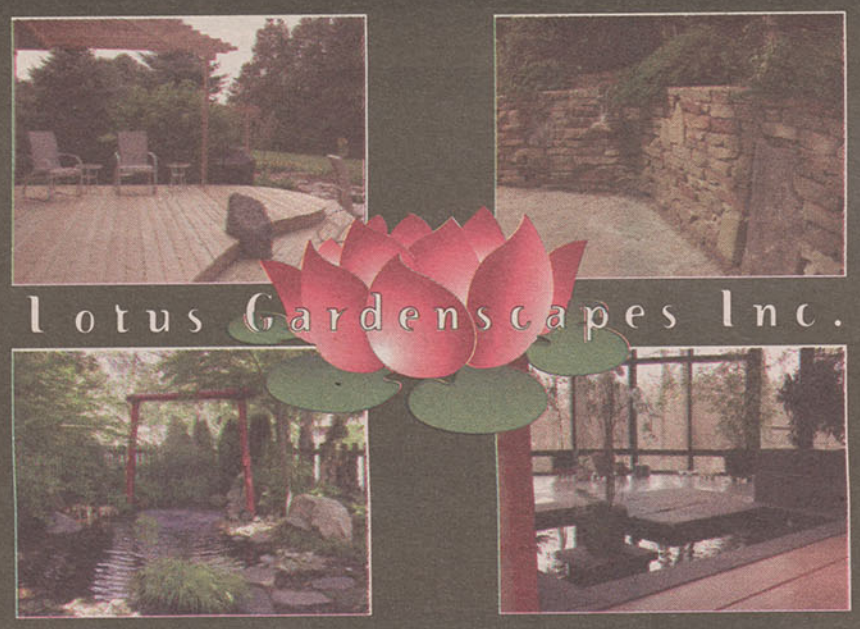

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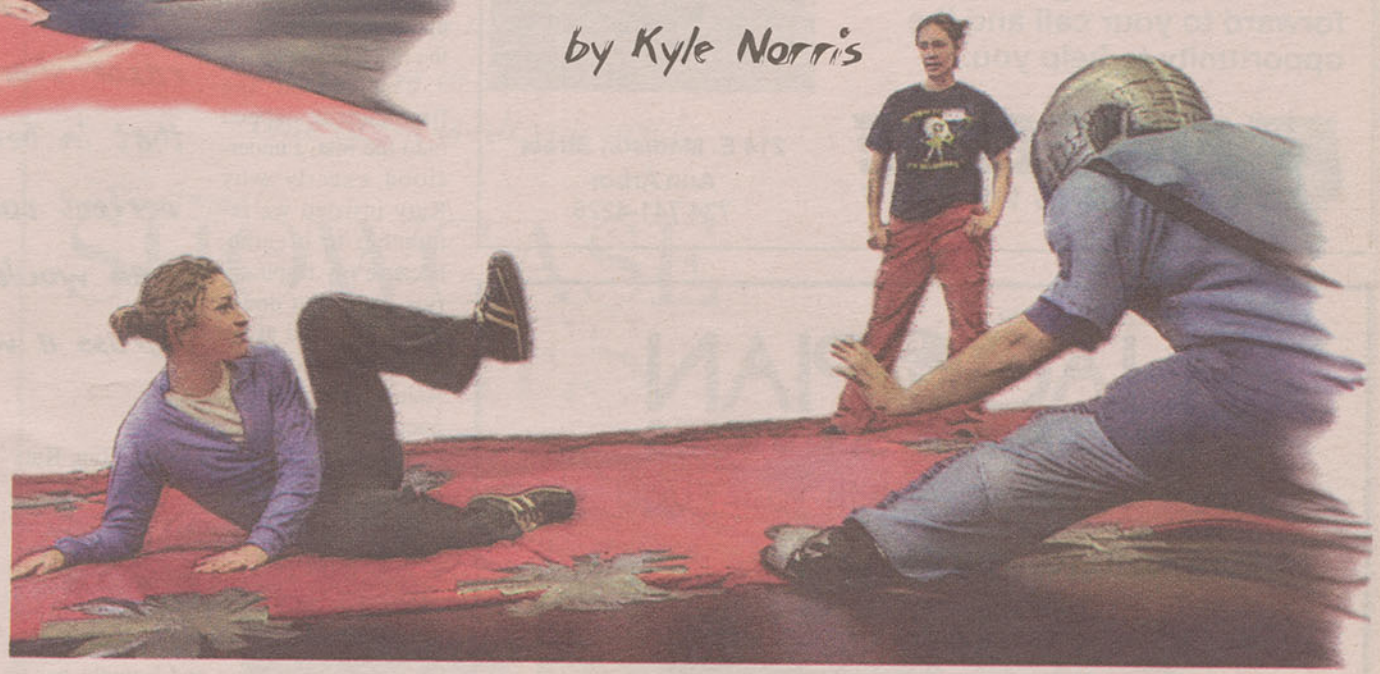

During my eighteenth year, my life changed in deep and dark ways. I was a student at the American University in Paris. In exchange for room and board I worked as a nanny for a French family—a notion that had rung exotic to my midwestern ears. I never imagined how excruciating, or revolutionizing, that year would be.

On the streets of the most romantic of cities, I dealt daily with sexual harassment—not just the common catcalls of construction workers, but moments of terrifying physical peril. Once, on the subway steps, a dozen young men aggressively swarmed a friend and me, and fondled us. Another time a Frenchman followed me from my school for blocks, cornered me in an alley, and asked me for a date. My clear "No" sent him into a fury. Screaming spit into my face, he inundated me with a loathing monologue, which was capped off with the line, "You stupid bitch, I'll smack you up right here and show you how we treat our women in France."

Another man, after asking me for change, kicked and chased me for blocks through the neighborhood. Add the daily encounters with men who approached me in public trying to engage me in conversations I was not interested in, and it all made for an unexpected, painful, and exhausting growing experience.

At first I despised the men who harassed me. Next, I negatively grappled with the French culture that tolerated such behavior, and then with my own culture—the men who targeted me often had me pegged as an American woman, and a young, blond, busty (read "sexually loose") one at that.

The people I was *really* angry at, though, were other women. In retrospect I find that fascinatingly revealing of the Western world's misogynistic undercurrents, but my thinking went like this: I knew that other women on the streets of France, or anywhere, were being treated this way. Why hadn't the women of the world—including my family, friends, and peers—trained me to deal with this debilitating, heart-bashing obstacle? I simply assumed that other women knew how to shut down strange men who approached them on enclosed subway cars, and I felt betrayed that they had failed to pass the secret along.

I asked the French mother of the family I lived with how *she* dealt with the men who harassed her in the streets. A gasp the size of Texas came out of her mouth, as she informed me in razor-sharp French that in her picture-perfect country, a man would *never* harass a woman—although she couldn't say the same for what went on in the U. S. of A.

With no help from her, I eventually did find the answers I was looking for. Ten years later, my experiences in Paris steered me to the doorstep of another intense, terrifying, and life-altering situation—this time, one in which I put myself willingly, as a student in a local self-defense class.

Assault on a black belt

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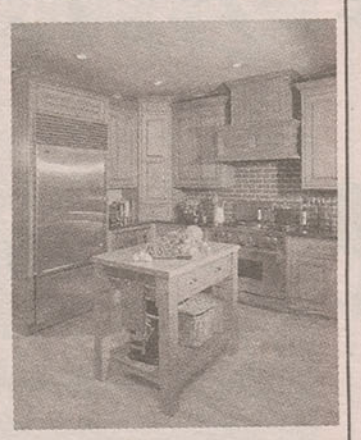

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IMPACT Self-Defense

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Intrigued, I went to observe a group graduating from WAMM's four-day basic class. In her introductory remarks, Katy kept reminding the audience to *breathe,* even making us all take a giant breath in and out, together. I dismissed it as some odd, new-agey thing.

There were mats on the floor in front of the small audience. After Katy spoke, the female students lined up on the far side of the mats, facing us.

The instant the first student stepped onto the mat, I understood exactly why Katy insisted we remember to breathe, because my respiratory system shut down. When I looked at the student, an older Asian American woman, all I saw was my mother—she just *looked* like a mom. Katy met her at the center of the mat and confirmed she was ready.

> A gasp the size of Texas came out of her mouth, as she informed me in razor-sharp French that in her picture-perfect country, a man would never harass a woman.

Katy told the woman to walk forward. From out of nowhere, the model mugger ran up behind her and screamed, "Come here, bitch." He engulfed the small woman in a violent bear hug and brought her to the floor.

The intensity of the attack jolted the entire room. I felt as if the woman I loved most in the world had been violently assaulted before my very eyes.

What happened next was just as potent. The woman rippled out an earth-shattering *"No"* that reverberated off the gymnasium walls. Flailing in a whirlwind of limbs, she flipped onto her side. As the mugger scrambled to pin her down, she quickly drew her leg into her body and kicked forward—into the mugger's helmet, where her attacker's face would be. His body flew back from the force of the blow. She coiled her leg again, scooted closer, and kicked him a second time.

I felt pure physical shock. It was radically different from watching violence against women on a television or movie screen, where the action feels removed and intellectually imaginary. Although not literal violence, the scenario *reenacted* literal violence and was "in the flesh." It created an energy everyone in the room could feel, and spoke to me in a language I understood. I knew I *had* to take the class.

As I later learned, I had been watching "IMPACT self-defense." It's based on concepts developed by California martial artist Matt Thomas more than thirty years ago, in response to a violent assault against a female martial artist.

The woman, a black belt, was attacked while walking to her car. Instead of hitting hard, she pulled her punches, as in her martial arts classes. After she was knocked off her feet, she stopped fighting, because she had never learned ground fighting skills.

Thomas concluded that what she'd been taught was more an art form than a realistic method of self-defense. He eventually researched 3,000 sexual assault cases against women. Many assailants, he learned, rely solely on verbal intimidation—and when they do attack, they typically seek to throw their victim to the ground.

So IMPACT's attackers use verbal ploys and intimidation, just like real rapists. Students focus on ground fighting, drawing on the female body's powerhouse of strength in the hips and legs. The full-contact, full-force training allows the students to fight realistically and helps them work through the common "freeze" response.

Female and male instructors teach each class together. The female instructor presents most of the material and coaches students through their individual fights against the "model mugger"—the male instructor. In his tailored, highly padded suit, he resembles a mega-decked-out football player, sporting a silver helmet the size of an old-time microwave oven. The male instructor gauges how hard he is hit and simulates a "knockout" when he receives a hard enough blow. He is trained to depict a vast array of assailants and characters—anything from a person walking down the street who engages his victim by asking for directions, to a drunk who has broken into a house, to a mentally ill person experiencing an episode, to a "friendly" friend of a friend at a party.

Thrilled to be here

On the first day of class, I didn't know a single person in the stuffy gymnasium. I had no idea what to expect, except that I would be spending my next two weekends—a total of twenty-four hours—simulating attacks and various rape scenarios. The other women huddled in corners or silently grazed at the snack table. Some chatted nervously.

The head instructors, Katy and Clif, gathered us in a circle. They and their volunteer assistants—women who had already taken the course—introduced themselves. Then Katy told us to turn, look our neighbor in the eye, and say, "It's very brave of you to be here."

The task sounded easy enough. Yet when I turned to the petite, bespectacled woman on my right, nothing came out. I tried again, and tears rushed to my eyes.

Why couldn't I say it? Maybe it was because that little sentence summarized everything I had hoped to hear ever since my year in Paris. For me, that sentence became a declaration that abuse is neither acceptable nor tolerable, and that I could and must take action to stop it.

We would form a circle at the beginning and end of each session. But none matched the intensity of that initial opening circle. After the "brave to be here" exercise, the instructors outlined what would be covered in the class. Then, with an openness and honesty that surprised me, they told us how they got involved with IMPACT.

Katy, a small woman in her mid-thirties, wears her chestnut hair tied in a wispy ponytail at the nape of her neck. I learned later that she's the beating and pumping heart of this tiny organization—administrator, organizer, and classroom guide to all things emotional, spiritual, and physical. In baggy sweat pants and white "IMPACT Self-Defense" sweatshirt, she can seem disarmingly casual. But her amazingness was clear as soon as she shared her history. Unflinchingly, in a tone of clarity and truthfulness, she told us that she was a survivor of childhood sexual assault by her father. At age thirteen she was gang raped, and in her twenties she was attacked by a drunken man in a subway station in Prague. As she talked, the room tensed like a rubber band pulled taut: it was the first time anyone said anything *out loud* about assault.

Katy registered for the first IMPACT class offered in Ann Arbor, in 1994, at the suggestion of a counselor. Knowing that she could stop someone from physically hurting her changed her life entirely, she said.

Then Clif, a towering man built like a football player, said that about ten years ago, his girlfriend persuaded him to take the men's IMPACT course (the men's and women's courses use similar principles and techniques). A lifelong athlete, he had felt more than capable of defending himself—but he was so moved by the course that he asked his female instructor how he could help. "And lo and behold," he beamed, "I'm in the Suit!"

The two volunteer assistants then said they were "thrilled" to be there and couldn't wait for class to begin. "Thrilled" to be victims of endless simulated attacks? "Thrilled" to have a hulking male run up from behind them, throw them to the ground, and pin them to the floor? "Thrilled" to undergo some of the most graphic and disturbing verbal harassment that would ever grace our ears?

Their enthusiasm seemed so bizarre. By the end of the second weekend, however, it would make perfect and beautiful sense.

Sharing stories

Katy asked us to share any previous self-defense or martial-arts experience, and our histories of abuse (half of the students had no history of abuse). I was thankful I didn't have to go first.

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The first woman was a graduate student, bookish and young. She pushed up her designer glasses with a nervous wiggle, and cleared a crackle from her throat.

"Hi there," she said. "I have no previous self-defense experience." She breathed in and continued. "When I was a kid I was sexually abused by my older brother. I was also verbally harassed on the streets of Ann Arbor."

I imagined the next woman as buoyantly optimistic in her daily life, a classic soccer mom. But in this setting she seemed deflated. Her history was forever altered, she told us, by a priest who had recently sexually assaulted her.

Then I shared my stories of Paris.

By the time we finished, the air felt heavy and thick. Yet, simultaneously, another mood emerged—lightness and relief. A fundamental IMPACT principle is that when people are open and honest with their emotions, the result is both psychically liberating and physically powerful. Later, Katy would tell us that when a woman steps onto the mat, she often feels waves of fear, sadness, and hurt. Instead of wasting our strength trying to suppress those feelings, she taught us, we should pour that energy into the fight at hand. The male instructors say that when a woman steps onto the mat and she's crying, they know they're about to get their butts kicked.

Clif left the room, and Katy taught us the first technique—one, she said, that was powerful enough to stop an assault before it began, or change an assailant's intention in midattack. The technique was to scream "No!" from the depths of one's body.

So the twelve of us gathered in a circle and yelled "No!" together. I realized it was the first time I had ever heard myself scream. We drilled this for several minutes—until Clif reentered the room and our voices crumbled. His padding made him look like a football player times two. We glared at him anxiously while Katy launched into an explanation and demonstration of the Suit.

As I realized that for the next exercise the model mugger would *actually touch us*, a feeling of dread welled up inside me. Katy arranged us in a giant circle facing inward. The model mugger would slowly approach each of us from behind and wrap his arms around us. We were to go into a "protective stance" (both feet firmly planted, hands facing out like stop signs), yell "No!" and then stomp on his foot.

As the mugger wrapped his arms around the first woman, she stumbled and lost her footing. Her whole body trembled as if dipped into a tub of ice. Katy helped her try again, and this time she landed the blow square onto the mugger's foot. The next woman's eyes bulged when the mugger's arms enveloped her. She let out the meekest "No" in the world.

When the mugger's hands touched my skin, a sick sensation ran up and down my spine. He felt like a snake. But I screamed my "No!" and landed a solid heel-stomp into his padded foot. We had practiced

these drills in the air earlier, but this didn't feel theoretical—it felt as if I were literally defending myself.

We then dove into a deep and shimmering sea of techniques. Some of the moves were called "can openers," because they open up a bit of space from which a student can execute a knockout blow. Other techniques could knock out an assailant upon initial contact, like when the student's thigh shoots fast and furiously upward into the assailant's groin. Many of these required us to move closer to the attacker—so close, in fact, that it sometimes looked as if a student were embracing the assailant. Approaching someone who wanted to hurt us felt wrong, but Katy explained that our blows would be more potent the closer we were to the target.

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"Okay," Katy announced to the class, "I want everyone to line up along the side of the mat, facing the center." It was the first time she'd used this particular formation. "Um, what are we going to be doing now?" one brave soul asked.

"We're going into our first set of fights," replied Katy.

Confronting dark possibilities

Talking about a "fight" in IMPACT is misleading: both parties are *not* on the offense. One party is attacking, and the other is defending. "Confrontation" might be more accurate—but teachers and students alike say "fight" as convenient shorthand.

My first fight felt 1,000 percent physical. When the mugger grabbed me from behind, a surge of energy ripped through my body. He wrapped his arms tightly around me, preventing any escape. I screamed a charged "No!" and stomped down hard.

"Yes!" belted out Katy, standing directly in front of me. "Now elbow to the gut!"

The sequence Katy had taught us flowed from an elbow to the belly, to an elbow to the face, and then a knee to the groin. Though the cognitive part of my brain understood I was in no danger, the attack felt utterly real in my body. The emotional force that propelled me through the response was pure and raw: I felt like an animal responding to a very specific impending threat.

We learned several more techniques that day, but my energy level was quickly fading. After several more fights, class let out at 4 p.m. I dragged my exhausted self home and crawled into bed. The next thing I heard was the alarm's buzz, piercing my slumber.

After a short review session the next day, we moved into new material. Model mugging teaches that self-defense is doing *whatever you need to do* in order to stay safe. Self-defense can mean running the hell away, or locking yourself in a car and honking the horn, or throwing up on someone. No formula is applicable every time.

That said, we repeatedly practiced our responses to different kinds of assaults. The repetition helped to drill the techniques into our muscle memory. On a deeper level, there was also something psychologically and spiritually powerful about confronting such dark possibilities.

"We're going to show you some options you have from a pinned position on the ground," Katy announced matter-of-factly.

She continued talking, but whatever she said didn't register. The image stirred our collective fear of succumbing to an attacker's twisted agenda, the fear of not being able to do *anything* to stop it, and, ultimately, the fear of rape.

Katy reminded us of an IMPACT rule: *A vital opening on the assailant's body will always open up.* It might not open up for a while, and until it does, the student must tell the mugger whatever he wants to hear, or otherwise fake compliance. But once the opening appears, the student must aim for that target with every ounce of energy she can muster—Katy calls it "going from zero to a hundred percent."

She taught us a move called the side-thrust kick. Lying on her side, the student props her upper torso with her arms. She tucks one leg underneath her body and pulls the other close to the torso. This leg can then fire off a powerful blow. It's like the way a rattlesnake attacks: coiling up tightly, setting up its target, striking quickly—and then coiling back, to do it all again if need be.

We drilled the techniques on our own and then tried "reversals," in which the mugger attacks while the student is lying down. The room was silent as the first student stepped forward. Katy had her pretend she was sleeping at the center of the mat.

The mugger crept toward the student from the side of the mat, pounced, and pinned her on the floor. Her face scrunched in disgust.

Inches from the student's face, Katy gently and firmly talked into her ear: "Open your eyes, Callan,* open your eyes."

Callan opened her eyes.

"You're at zero right now. You're lying to him. Great job, Callan. You're lying to him, and you're going to get an opening."

The mugger reached for his zipper. Callan recognized her opening and thrust her fingers into the eye meshing of the mugger's helmet. At the same time, she threw all of her weight in the direction that her hand was traveling, hoisting the mugger from his straddled position on top of her. From there she scrambled, scrambled, scrambled—eventually establishing a target and hitting the mugger in the face with a side-thrust kick.

Several students later, one of the women began crying on the mat the mo-

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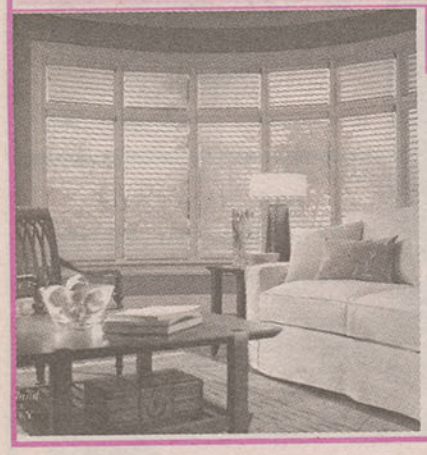

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ment the mugger made contact. "Open your eyes and take a deep breath," Katy encouraged, but the woman couldn't do either. As her sobs grew louder, Katy signaled to Clif, who immediately backed off. The fight was on pause.

Katy scooted closer to the woman, putting her hand on the student's back as the sobs broke from her body. "What are you feeling right now?" Katy asked. "Scared,"

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the woman quivered. "You know, it's okay to feel really scared," Katy reassured her. "And there's a lot of power in that emotion. I want you to go ahead and feel really scared in this fight, and I want you to use that energy in your kicks."

Something shifted inside the woman. When the mugger approached her again, she fought back. When she screamed her "No's," they resonated with new fierceness.

Superman on PCP

In the afternoon we waded into territory I was especially excited about: verbal intimidation. In the vast majority of reported sexual assaults, it's the assailant's main weapon.

Many of the scenarios we practiced did not begin with overtones of harassment. The mugger would approach us on the mat, for example, and ask for directions, and we could choose how to respond. One woman shook her head and said, "I'm not from around here, and I don't feel like chatting with you." His response was to build on that information and then verbally take off in another direction entirely: "Oh, where are you from? Do you have a boyfriend?"

"Assailants are looking for an easy target," Clif had explained earlier. "If they wanted a fight, they would go to a bar and pick on someone their own size. Assailants will often 'interview' their victims, for anywhere between a few minutes to several hours."

With the addition of dialogue, the

fights felt even more realistic. At the same time, the mugger was upping the ante, moving out of range and knocking away our blows.

The pace continued to build on day three, when a second "mugger" joined the staff. He'd take some of the pressure off Clif as the fights became longer and more difficult.

The biggest event of day three was a "custom fight," an attack tailored to each student. A custom fight can involve revisiting a scenario from one's past, or addressing a future fear. (One woman symbolically fought against cancer in the person of the mugger.)

The woman whose priest abused her recreated that situation. She stood on the mat as the mugger slowly approached her. He greeted her softly by name. She returned the hello. He asked kindly how she was doing, and she dove into a mighty venting. "How dare you do this to me," she cried. "How dare you take advantage of me and my trust and my religion." At the pinnacle of this encounter, she screamed, "How dare you take God away from me!"

For my custom fight, I chose Paris. As soon as the mugger spoke, I was instantly there. Our verbal confrontation soon escalated into a physical fight. After fighting hard and rolling around every inch of the mat, I popped the mugger square in the face with a blow from my heel. He landed out cold.

Satisfying as that was, it wasn't the pivotal moment of my IMPACT experience. That came on the fourth and final day of class.

Day four offers the "extended fight," where the point, Katy explained, "is to experience what it's like to defend yourself as you grow tired, perhaps even to the point of exhaustion."

Katy explained that this scenario, though highly unrealistic, was not impossible. "In real life this fight might happen if an assailant was having a psychotic break or was incredibly high on drugs," she told us. "The assailant's body, for whatever reason, is not registering pain." She threw in a joke for relief. "We call this type of mugger 'Superman on PCP.'"

The words, sentences, and concepts the muggers spewed were some of the most violent and graphic I had ever heard. Each fight seemed to last an obscene amount of time—easily three times as long as any we had done before. Women rolled around the mat and delivered dozens of effective blows to the mugger's vital targets, yet he popped up as if he had never been hit at all.

My fight started in the reversal position. I lay on the ground and pretended to sleep. The mugger jumped on top and pinned me to the ground. He bent down close to my face and graphically outlined his intentions. My whole body trembled under his weight.

When a target opened up, I gave it everything I had—flipping the mugger's weight off me and turning to deliver a side-thrust kick to the face. But the mugger jumped out of the way and averted my blow. I tried to reposition myself, but the mugger scrambled back on top of me. We scuffled messily about the mat. After what seemed a lifetime, the mugger pinned me to the ground again.

Perhaps what I did next had to do with my heart, which was beating out of control. Perhaps it had to do with my skyrocketed nerves, my seething adrenaline, my animal fear. I abandoned the techniques I had learned in class and started wildly fighting.

I kicked and screamed with all my might. The mugger did not budge. I tried to lift his weight off using my brute strength, and barely moved him an inch. This was failing, utterly.

Then the proverbial lightbulb went off in my head: "A target will open up. Wait for your opening. Use the techniques."

I stopped struggling. The mugger instantly chilled out and said he was happy to see me complying. He eventually lifted one hand off my pinned wrist and went to reach for his zipper. I used the eye-strike technique and rolled the mugger off me, landing him at my side. I set up for a side-thrust kick to the face and landed it perfectly. I moved in closer and delivered several more blows.

Then I heard Katy's whistle blow against a backdrop of my classmates' cheers. I lay exhausted on the mat while my heart beat like a drum. I crawled to my hands and knees, mustered my strength, and stood up.

Graduation

We graduated at the end of day four. As I stood in the line on the mat and looked for my friends in the crowd, I remembered how shocked I'd felt watching that first graduation from the audience. Now I was literally on the other side of the experience, a celebratory WAMM graduate.

While my classmates fought, I studied the onlookers. Several women had the same raw looks on their faces that I must have had. My friends in the audience looked shell-shocked. They tried to match our cheering, but they couldn't reach that place of celebration where my classmates and I lingered joyously.

The IMPACT self-defense class irrevocably altered my life in ways both big and small. I use the skills I learned there daily, especially the verbal-boundary techniques and the ways in which the class insists we be aware of our surroundings. I wish I'd had those options as a teenager in Paris.

It also taught me a vital message, one that I had rarely heard before—that I am worth defending. The way a woman feels about her body deeply influences what she is willing to do to keep herself safe. If you view your body as a worthless piece of junk—a message that's all too easy to absorb in our culture—chances are you'll treat it similarly and allow others to do the same. If you feel that your body is a wonderful thing, you will do whatever it takes to ensure its safety.

If my self-defense training left me with any one thing, it was ultimately this: as the WAMM mantra insists, "Listen to your gut, and take that information quite seriously." In fact, the mantra preaches that we *honor* our instincts—even if it means looking silly or causing embarrassment or breaking a social norm—as if our lives depended on it. Because, frankly, they do. ■

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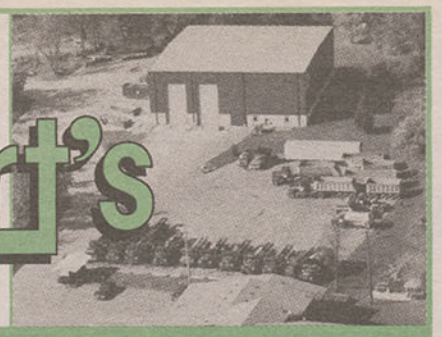

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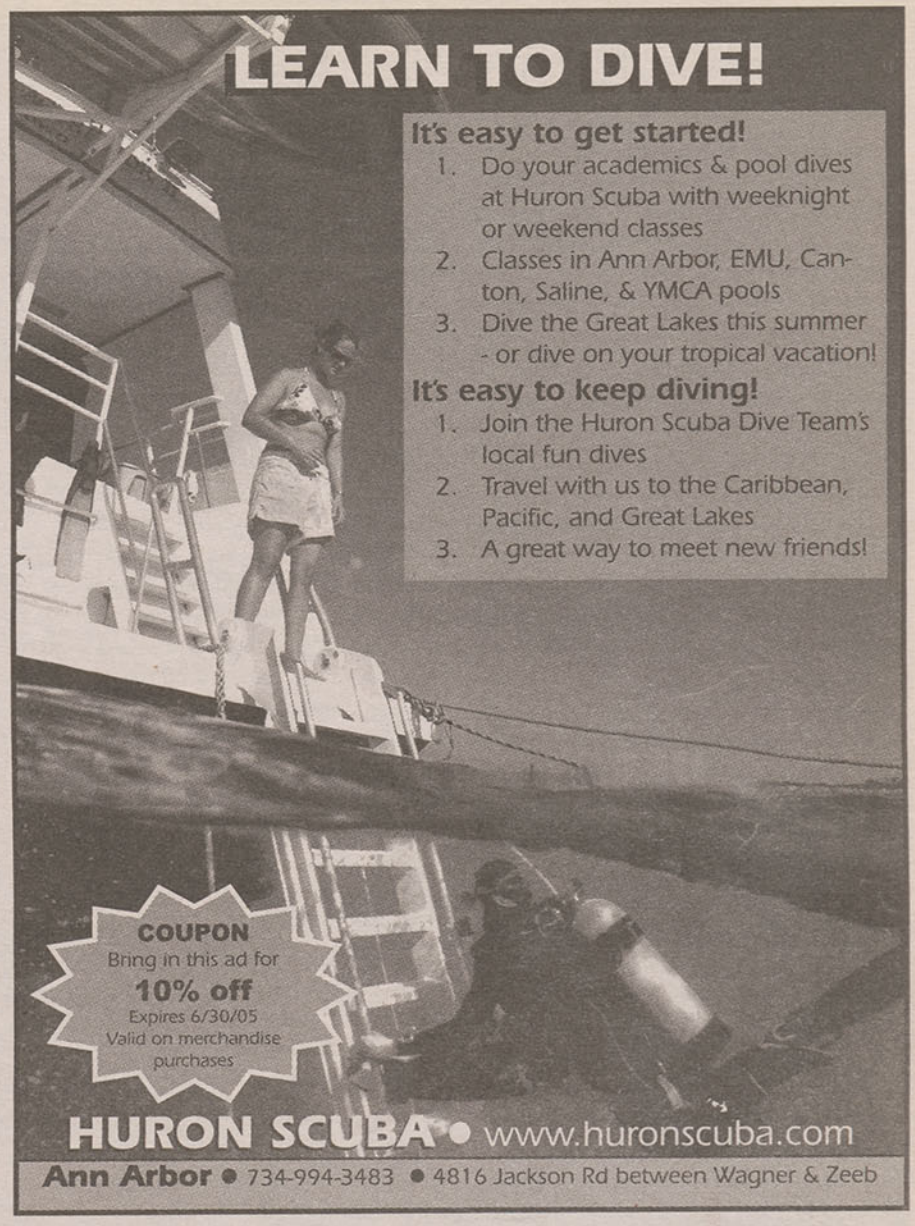

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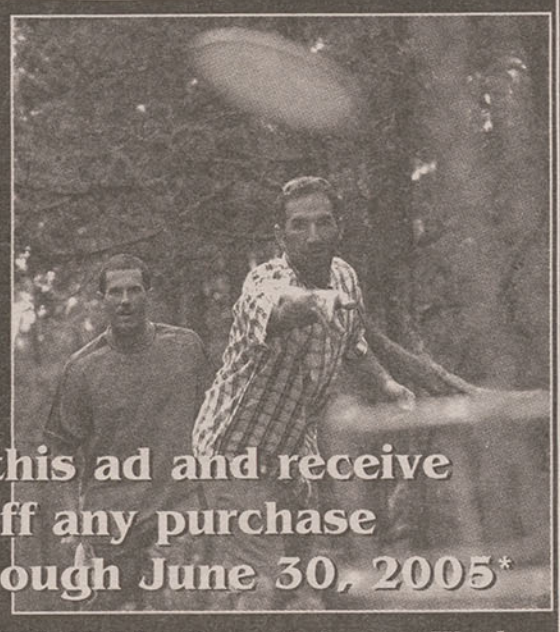

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Zach Putnam's Moment

Will Pioneer's ace pitcher be the U-M's next star—or a millionaire pro player?

by Michael Betzold

Looking like cheaply costumed spies in a movie, fifteen men with satchels and dark glasses huddle behind the backstop of Dexter High School's baseball diamond. It's a blazing blue-sky spring afternoon bursting with promises long suppressed. But out in the visitors' bullpen, Ann Arbor's best baseball prospect in decades—maybe the city's best ballplayer *ever*—is struggling to get his footing.

At six feet three inches and 215 pounds, Pioneer High senior Zach Putnam has the look of a big-leaguer, that commanding presence that makes scouts drool and opposing batters cower. Intimidating on the mound, he employs a classic power pitcher's delivery and an impressive arsenal that includes a nasty nose-diving split-finger pitch, a tantalizing curve, and some serious heat.

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Putnam's blazing fastball—92 m.p.h. on the radar gun readout at right—has propelled the Pioneer senior as high as number three on lists of the nation's top high school prospects.

Zach is not just an outstanding pitcher—he's also a fearsome hitter, a flashy infielder, and a savvy base runner. But in this era of specialization and designated hitters, it's primarily his heat—his blazing fastball—that's propelled him to as high as number three on lists of the nation's top high school prospects. His cannon has brought the sunglassed scouts to Dexter this afternoon. They're from the Philadelphia Phillies, Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago White Sox, and a dozen other major league teams.

From the time he was three, Zach has been dreaming of this opportunity. In summers when his friends were inside worshipping video games, he spurned them to play ball. During Michigan's long winters he worked out in an elaborate training center his baseball-mad father built in the basement of their Wagner Road home.

And now that sacrifice and hard work is paying off. Last year Zach led the Pioneers to the school's first state baseball championship. All winter and spring, he has been projected as a first-round pick in major league baseball's June 6 amateur draft.

Two dozen scouts showed up to see him pitch in Pioneer's season opener in April. Most are still on his tail weeks later. Some prefer to remain aloof. Others chat with him, his coaches, his father, his teammates. A scout for the St. Louis Cardinals took him to lunch.

Through it all, Zach has conducted himself with a seasoned maturity. He likes it when the scouts come to watch. "I'm a fierce competitor," he says. "It gives me an extra boost."

But today he's got to tangle with a sorry excuse for a bullpen. When Zach tries to throw from the weed-choked sandpile that masquerades as a warm-up mound, his foot sinks and slides. His father, Steve, is the Pioneers' pitching coach. Afraid Zach will pull a groin muscle, he calls a halt. Zach tries to warm up in the outfield, but without a proper mound to push off from, he can't get his arm loose.

In this game against the defending state champions—likely the best high school baseball team Ann Arbor has ever fielded—the Dexter Dreadnaughts are badly overmatched. Unlike most of Pioneer's opponents, they don't send out their best pitcher; instead, they throw a sacrificial lamb. By the time Putnam takes the mound in the bottom of the first inning, Pioneer is six runs ahead.

The men in dark glasses unzip their satchels and pull out devices that look like ray guns from a cheesy comic book. Zach coolly looks into their barrels and throws the first pitch. It's a strike. The radar guns' readouts say eighty-seven miles per hour. The men scribble in notebooks. Two more strikes. Eighty-seven. Eighty-five. One batter gone, next victim up. Three more strikes: eighty-seven, eighty-seven, eighty-eight. The third batter grounds weakly to first base. Eighty-six. Seven pitches, seven strikes, inning over.

The game is a rout, ended by a mercy rule after four innings. Zach pitches a shutout. But by the time he peaks at ninety miles an hour, most of the scouts have left to go on to the next day's prospect.

Their reports to their employers will note that the highly touted Zach Putnam couldn't get out of the eighties. Kids who throw in the eighties are a dime a dozen. That pile of sand may have cost the phenom a million dollars or more.

"Dexter was a nightmare," says Steve Putnam a couple weeks later—a day after his son starred in a doubleheader sweep of Adrian that ran the team's winning streak to a jaw-dropping forty-three games over two seasons. (It would end at forty-eight with a loss to Chelsea May 16.) In a typical day for the player whose purple jersey sports an appropriate number 1, Zach pitched five-inning shutout ball in the opener, and in the second game played shortstop, clouting two home runs and a triple.

Pioneer head coach Jerry Holley is a low-key guy who tries to shield his star from the barrage of media attention. Holley has arranged for me to interview Zach, but when he trots away from his teammates, his father barks, "You can do your interviews. But not until you do your work." And the session is postponed until after calisthenics.

Such is the confusing world of a seventeen-year-old baseball bridesmaid waiting for the perfect suitor. Courted by Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech, among other schools, Zach has signed a letter of intent to play for the U-M. With all the best college teams in the South and West, the Big Ten is a baseball backwater; at the U-M Putnam would be a big fish in a small pond. Wolverines coach Rich Maloney is a family friend, and he's promised that Zach will play the infield on days he doesn't pitch. Zach, who savors every part of the game, says there's nothing he can do on the mound as thrilling as hitting a home run. At the U-M he'd have his cake and eat it too, comfortably surrounded by friends and family.

But all that could change in the closing weeks of school. Zach says he's keeping all his options open. Come June 6, if a major league team picks him early and dangles a huge contract offer, it will be tempting to bypass college. After all, a career as a pitcher is like logrolling: it's easy to fall off. You could get hurt—as Zach's older brother Dylan did while playing college ball at Tulane. (A line drive back to the mound shattered his ankle, and Dylan is now an assistant baseball coach at Michigan State.) Your elbow or shoulder could snap or collapse. Your mind could become unglued from pressure. Your best stuff could suddenly go south.

Zach says he's been talking to pro players he knows—

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he mentions a couple recent draftees who are in the midlevel minor leagues: "They all say it's a no-brainer if you're drafted in the first three rounds." You sign. You take the sure thing, the cash now. You can always go to college later. But others disagree. Whom does he listen to? Zach replies dutifully: his parents, most of all.

If Zach opts for the U-M, he'll be eligible again for the pro draft after three years of college ball. As long as he's physically sound and pitching well, he'll still be highly desired.

"It's my goal to play in the major leagues," he says determinedly, "and I'll do whatever it takes to get there." Right now, that means resisting the distractions, the senior partying. Steve Wagner, whose daughter Chelsea, a starter on the Pioneer soccer team, has been dating Zach, tells me, "I've never seen a kid so focused."

Steve Putnam says he'd be happy if Zach plays for Maloney at the U-M. College rounds out a young man. Going to a rookie league at seventeen—as Zach probably will do if he signs a pro contract in June—means a different sort of education, playing on a team dominated by Latin Americans who grew up in poverty. His father seems conflicted about that prospect. He says he's confident his son will make the bigs eventually.

This is where all the years of work have led—to this tricky crossroads in shifting sand. For his part, Steve readily admits that his interest in his sons' youth teams was excessive. First with Dylan, then with Zach, he was involved nearly year round—supervising their training, coaching their teams, traveling across the country to tournaments. Steve salutes his wife, Mary Beth, whose indulgence of his work with Dylan turned into ardent support for Zach. It wasn't easy to live in a house where balls were banging off the basement walls at all hours.

Putnam's dedication to his son is tempered by his knowledge of the business. Dispassionately handicapping the June 6 draft, he says he doubts his son will be picked in the first round, for two reasons: the Dexter debacle ("That was *not* a first-round performance") and Zach's signing price—a million dollars after taxes. Zach never mentioned that figure to me, but Steve says Zach has made it clear to all the scouts.

The draft isn't a talent show; it's a market, and Zach may have priced himself out of the first round. A draftee's signability—and the needs and philosophies of the major league teams—are major considerations. There are now ten to twelve clubs, Steve Putnam says, who believe it's too risky to draft high school pitchers (the new "moneyball" philosophy favors drafting based on collegiate performance). Of the eighteen remaining teams, a lot of their scouts never returned after Dexter, and

many of them have other holes to fill. At the game against Adrian, only the Detroit Tigers sent men—but one of them was the scouting *director*. Their radar guns registered ninety, ninety-two, and—on the final pitch of a strikeout that ended the first inning—ninety-four. Lurking behind the backstop, I saw the readout.

Steve Putnam's eyes open wide when I mention the ninety-four figure. "They didn't tell me that," he says, and wonders aloud whether the Tigers are playing him. He knows Detroit is genuinely interested—after all, the Tigers have invited Zach to try out at Comerica Park in front of Alan Trammell and his coaches. Perhaps they're hoping to lowball the Putnams. Most likely the Tigers don't want anyone else to know what their radar gun registered in the Adrian game. Pitching speed increases in value exponentially. If Zach starts hitting ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, all bets are off—he could get drafted high and offered multiple millions. The market is that volatile and that contingent on velocity. The radar gun rules.

One reason Steve Putnam doubts his son will be picked in the first round is Zach's signing price—a million dollars after taxes.

Steve Putnam is no doubt ruing that he made sure no scouts were at the doubleheader the previous week in Saline. He had e-mailed them all, saying Zach's arm was a little tender and he wouldn't pitch that day. But at game time the prized arm felt fine, and in the second game Steve called on Zach to relieve in a tight battle. After he gave up an unearned run, Pioneer rallied to take the lead. Needing three outs to seal the win, he struck out the side.

"He was throwing BBs up there," says Steve. "He could smell blood. To be beaten by our archrivals, to have the streak end—there was no way Zach was going to let that happen."

His dad is sure Zach was hitting ninety-five that evening. But no radar gun recorded it. So, like the tree falling in a forest with no one to hear, it didn't register.

Starting May 31, Pioneer is scheduled to begin the tournament games that lead up to the state championship game June 18. Above all else, Zach is determined to lead his team to a second consecutive state title. His coaches have limited his innings so his arm will be fresh and strong. There's no telling what heights he'll hit.

Before the end of June, Zach will cap his high school baseball career, graduate from Pioneer, and find out whether he'll continue to college or become a millionaire pro player. It's a boyhood baseball dream come true. "This is definitely what I've always pictured happening," he says.

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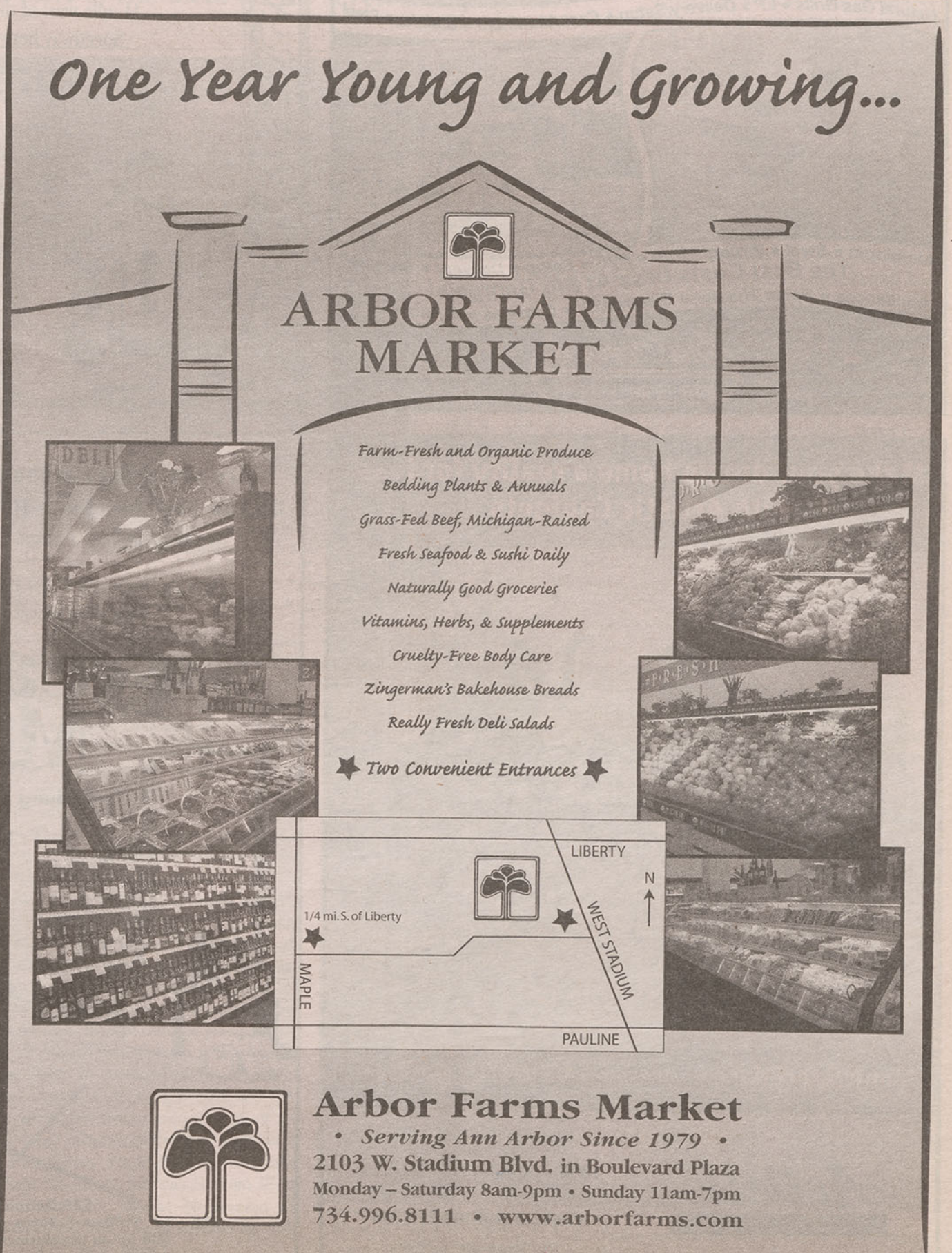

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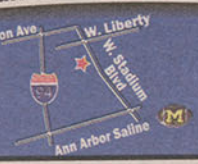

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In just five years, the Women's Center of America has become an essential part of the local social services safety net.

Recent Women's Center "graduate" Mateyo Empie. A few years ago, Empie recalls, "I desperately needed to move, to get divorced, and to find a job—all at the same time."

by Penny Schreiber

A few years ago Mateyo Empie was unhappily married, unemployed, and emotionally shattered. "I desperately needed to move, to get divorced, and to find a job—all at the same time," she says. Empie turned for help to the Women's Center of America, a nonprofit agency on Ann Arbor's west side.

Supported by the agency's personal, career, and divorce counseling, Empie was able to end her marriage of twenty-five years and find a full-time job at Edwards Brothers. Today, she says, "I have a new job, a new apartment, and a new life."

Interviewed at the Women's Center in mid-February, Empie talks animatedly about Edwards Brothers. "I love the people there," she says. "Every day I walk in and am glad." Today she's also marveling over the post-Valentine's-Day deal she got on four dozen roses at Arbor Farms. She filled her little apartment—she calls it "my haven"—with the roses.

Her personal counselor was Women's Center cofounder Sandi Cooper. Empie describes the five-foot Cooper as "small but mighty—one of the shortest and most powerful women I've ever met." Cooper terminated their therapeutic relationship earlier this year. That was fine with Empie—"At some point it is really important to feel like I can handle things by myself," she says—but like other "graduates," she still stops by just to say hello, to have a cup of coffee, to pick up brochures for a friend, or to check out the latest artwork on the walls. "I feel like a brand-new butterfly who just hatched out—my wings are a little fragile," she says. "But I want to stay connected to the Women's Center." She already is designating her United Way donation through her paycheck to the center.

The Women's Center sprang up five years ago like a mushroom patch after a week of hard rain. Today it is an essential part of the Washtenaw County social services safety net. Its staff, interns, and volunteer therapists counsel women of all ages and incomes and with a wide range of diagnoses. Depending on what the client can afford, fees can be from $3 to $100 an hour. About 80 percent of Women's Center clients are dealing with current or past violence.

Clients often come from "horrifyingly abusive situations—they come here before SAFE House," says Cooper. "They haven't admitted they need SAFE House." Assistant director Kim Cumming says that's why she wanted to work at the Women's Center. Domestic violence, she explains, is "often at the tail end of what happens" to women. She wanted "to get in earlier," she says, "to help support women's economic and emotional well-being."

It all began in mid-1999 with three women who were running Soundings, a center for women then operating under the HelpSource umbrella. Cooper, former owner of Main Street's Complete Cuisine, was Soundings' clinical supervisor. She, acting director Anne Benedict, and career coach Laura Lies wanted to take Soundings back as an independent entity. But despite hours of meticulous planning and rehearsal, their presentation to the HelpSource executive board was turned down.

Afterward, Cooper and Lies submitted their resignations to HelpSource. Benedict decided to stay. But all three women were fired instead. Bob Miller, president and CEO at the time, recalls "a struggle over the name, ownership, and direction of the program." There were also financial issues, he says—HelpSource couldn't fund what Soundings wanted to do. Miller remembers Benedict saying that on principle she wouldn't quit—she would have to be fired. So the board fired all three of them.

That happened on a Monday. On Wednesday Benedict, Cooper, and Lies held the first staff meeting of the Women's Center of America. On Thursday they opened for business. They brought with them four interns and seventeen clients from Soundings. Today Soundings no longer exists, but the Women's Center carries on its work.

The founders added "America" to the center's name because their aim was to create a women's center that other communities across the country would want to replicate. Betty Bishop, owner of Arbor Psychological Consultants, offered the fledgling agency free office space. With $1,500 donated by Cooper, Lies, and Mickey Katz-Pek, a founding board member, the center was in business. Katz-Pek asked two of her friends—Elizabeth Brien and Antoinette Benjamin—to join her on the board, which grew from there. More funding came from friends and family, and nonprofit status was granted in record time, allowing the center to apply for grants.

At this point, Anne Benedict, who was ill, decided to leave. Benedict died this past December, but she remains an important "spirit guide" for the center, says Cooper: "There are times of the day or when lots of reports are due that Anne's presence or memory reminds me to stop and pour a cup of herbal tea and breathe." When Lies moved to Chicago with her husband a year after the center opened, Cooper became its guiding light.

Within months, the Women's Center outgrew its original spot and relocated to the former maid's quarters at the Women's City Club on Washtenaw. "We spent our

Women's Center director Sandi Cooper. With Laura Lies and Anne Benedict, she opened the center in January 2000—just three days after they were all fired from HelpSource.

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first spring and summer there," recalls Cooper. But when she and Lies had to start holding meetings on the stairway because their offices were being used for counseling, "we knew it was time to move." After a little more than a year in an office building on Packard, the center signed a three-year lease, recently renewed, on a former Reinhart real estate office near the tip of the wedge between Maple and West Stadium. The realty firm donated its old conference room furniture, which includes more than twenty burgundy-backed chairs. "Reinhart said they didn't want to see any burgundy chairs ever again," laughs Cooper.

After Lies left, the center's board offered Cooper what she recalls as "an extravagant salary" with the hope that someday they would be able to pay it. She told the board she'd prefer a significantly smaller imaginary salary in exchange for a real live assistant. Cumming, then a management student at the U-M School of Social Work, "was a natural fit," says Cooper. Cumming wrote a grant with a salary in it, and the Women's Center hired her soon after her graduation.

Cumming does management, operations, and grant writing. Her job description, she says, is helping all the others do their jobs well. But like the rest of the staff, Cumming is flexible and multiskilled: she also does therapy and supervises interns. She says she's excited to be a part of "a young, passionate, grassroots nonprofit getting off the ground and making its mission."

She remembers a day last fall when a brand-new intern answered the Women's Center phone for the first time—and the caller said she was planning to kill herself on Halloween. As Cumming recalls, "the intern didn't have crisis training yet" and asked, "Can you get me through this?" Cumming handled the call with the intern sitting next to her. The caller came in the next day for therapy. Today she is doing well, says Cumming, "building support out in her world."

Occasionally a woman will walk in cold and announce that she is suicidal. That happened most recently in February. The woman didn't speak English, but fortunately a new Spanish-speaking intern was at the center that day and able to help. They got the woman into the hospital. "We are in the business of saving lives here," says Cooper.

The center's offices were furnished on a shoestring, with pieces donated or picked up at what Cooper jokingly calls the "sidewalk boutique:" But you'd never know it to look at the place—a peek into an empty counseling room reveals a comfortable, attractively furnished space with color-coordinated upholstered furniture and stuffed animals propped around. Fresh flowers are donated weekly by the Produce Station, Fresh Seasons, and Arbor

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Farms. The walls are covered with original art—members of the Ann Arbor Women Artists change the display every six to eight weeks. Coffee, donated by Coffee Express, is always brewing in the kitchen.

"Many clients don't have art and flowers and matching chairs at home," says Cooper. "People walk in knowing that all the little extras mean they are respected and have dignity—it is a starting point for healing."

The Women's Center gets 25 percent of its clients through referrals from Washtenaw County Community Support and Treatment Services. Another 25 percent are referred by therapists, attorneys, and other professionals. The rest come in through word of mouth. Depending on their situations, women can get anything from months of extensive counseling to a single intense session of practical advice.

One woman recently walked in in tears. She told Cumming that she needed to get away from her fiancé. "I've given up my home, my job, everything," she said. She had even declared bankruptcy. Now the woman wanted to leave her fiancé but feared he would turn violent. Her therapist had referred her to the center.

Cumming helped her work out a two-week exit plan that focused on the safety of the woman and her young child. It also included practical advice, like stashing money away and keeping important documents at a friend's house. Since the woman was from another county, Cumming put her on the Internet to locate domestic violence services in her home community.

In addition to seeing clients themselves, Cumming, Cooper, and two volunteer therapists supervise a group of nine or ten intern therapists. Every year students from social work and counseling programs at area universities compete for the positions. "The incredible strength here, as a student, is the quality of supervision," says intern Kelly Zukowski, an MSU grad student. "I've had crisis situations where I needed immediate support," she says. "Sandi and Kim are always nearby."

One reason internships are so coveted, according to Cooper, is the rare opportunity they provide to zero in on women's issues. The Women's Center "is feminism alive again," Cooper says. Interns encounter "whatever walks in the door—what's out there in the world." And even those who are on the fence about feminism when they come in, she says, typically leave committed feminists.

Patricia Fox is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Ann Arbor, but one day a week she volunteers at the Women's Center. In her own practice, she treats women with "bucks, jobs, and insurance," Fox says. But as an African American woman, "I especially wanted to be a therapist available to black women. I wanted to be able to provide culturally sensitive and multiethnic therapeutic connection." Fox has met too many black people who've had bad experiences with white therapists. "A woman who is black—it's a double whammy," she says. "I am aware of a whole lot of sexism, and I sure know about racism."

Fox says that people entering therapy expect to quickly establish a relationship of trust with the therapist. Black women she has counseled have told Fox that they had to "navigate around barriers of racial and sexual stereotypes" with white therapists; only then could they get down to the distressing problems they came to therapy to address in the first place.

Four years ago Tené Buckner called Ypsilanti's SOS Community Services crisis line for help. SOS referred Buckner, a single mother with two little boys, to a free therapist who diagnosed her severe depression, started her on medication, and referred her to the Women's Center for more counseling.

When she first started therapy with Cumming, Buckner was afraid to open up and talk. Because of her depression, she had dropped out of EMU and had been refused readmission. But Cumming, she says, helped her to value herself more and also wrote a letter of support that persuaded the university to readmit her.

For Buckner, who never had a supportive family, the Women's Center filled a

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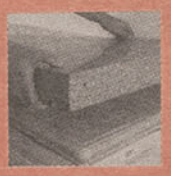

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void. "It is a real nurturing place," she says. "It is very comforting to just know it is there." After a difficult breakup with her sons' father ("I had wanted marriage"), Buckner is now sharing custody with him. The Women's Center helped her through this crisis. Her children, she says, are "really happy now."

Although Cumming has terminated her therapy, Buckner still stops by to check her e-mail and job-hunt on the Internet, and just to say hello. Buckner also has taken advantage of the Women's Center's "clothes closet" to borrow a professional outfit for a job interview. And she still considers Cumming an important part of her support network.

On a stormy Monday night last winter, seven women gather for the center's Divorce Dialogs. For reasons ranging from cheating spouses to evil mothers-in-law, all are contemplating ending their marriages. Tonight's session is being facilitated by an experienced divorce attorney, Alfreda Menlove, and an equally experienced financial advisor, Susan Franke, from Raymond James. They start by passing around a deluge of informative handouts, and Menlove urges the women to interrupt her talk "with any burning questions."

Menlove explains that Michigan is an equitable-distribution state and that a judge ultimately decides what is fair. Franke tells them to keep their papers together. "Don't keep files—put them somewhere he doesn't have access," she says. "Keep them at the Women's Center, in the trunk of your car, at work, or at a girlfriend's house." At first the seven prospective divorcees listen intently and don't share much. But gradually they begin to relax and ask questions about annulments, grandparent visitation rights, how to deal with violent in-laws, and private detectives (Menlove says she knows a good one).

The workshop, like the center's counseling, costs whatever the women can afford to pay. Everybody pays something for services at the Women's Center, even if it's only a few dollars.

The center's budget for its current fiscal year, which ends this month, is $250,000. The money comes from grants (20 percent), fees for service (25 percent), and donations (55 percent), including a little income from leasing out space to private therapists. Donations come from corporations, sponsorships, an annual appeal letter, and three yearly fund-raisers; a dinner and auction are set for June 10 (see Events). Cooper says that 85¢ of every dollar that comes in is given back to services.

Gifts often just show up in the mail. A journalist in New York sent a check, with a note explaining that she wanted to donate the money she had earned teaching a class on women's issues to a worthy women's cause.

Cooper and Cumming dream of a half-million-dollar budget. "We don't look cash starved," laughs Cooper, "though we are." Volunteers and clients commonly show up with toilet paper or other essential supplies for the center.

Every year the Women's Center serves 500 women through more than 7,500 appointments. Three thousand phone calls come in, from people seeking referrals for food, shelter, doctors, and attorneys. "We know where all of the resources are," says Cooper. "We know how to get through the thick layers of bureaucracy."

GlorySummer Scarbough credits therapist and volunteeer coordinator Joan Kauffmann with getting her through a medical crisis.

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Volunteer coordinator Joan Kauffmann came to the Women's Center four years ago as a social work grad student looking to create a tax program. She wanted to spread the word about the earned income credit, which had been a boon to her as a low-income single mom. "It is remarkable," says Kauffmann. The year she first received the credit, it amounted to a $2,000 windfall for her. At the time she had been hoping to travel to her brother's wedding. "I could rent a car from Rent a Wreck, buy a dress, go to lunch—I could actually go to lunch," she recalls, still incredulous at the memory of what at the time had seemed an unimaginable luxury. Now the center offers the tax course, "Many Happy Returns," twice a year; it also offers "by appointment" help with tax returns.

Since January Kauffmann has been working twenty hours a week as the center's volunteer coordinator. Previously Cooper and Cumming took all of the calls from prospective volunteers. Now Kauffmann does that, and she gets her new volunteers engaged right away. "My greatest qualification for the job isn't my M.S.W.," says Kauffmann. "It is my experience as a volunteer. I know what I hated as a volunteer." Volunteers want a job, she says, that is organized and ready for them to do when they arrive. "They want a sense of completion—they want to feel like they've accomplished something." Today the center has around 100 volunteers, and some of them are men.

Spending so much time at the Women's Center, says Kauffmann, has skewed her vision of people and incomes: "I see a woman with two kids bringing in a thousand dollars a month and I think, 'Oh, she's not poor.'" Kauffmann is amazed at how the center's clients make their money stretch. She thinks they could teach Ann Arbor's city government a few tricks. "They should get single women in there," she says, "to help them cut out the fat."

In addition to organizing volunteers, Kauffmann does therapy. One client, GlorySummer Scarbough, was referred to the Women's Center by a friend she met as a student at EMU. She didn't have insurance, but she has paid for her therapy out of pocket (paying midway on the sliding scale). Scarbough likes the cohesive approach at the Women's Center: "They offer real-life solutions—things you can apply in your real life and see the difference."

Though Scarbough had been a student activist at EMU, she says that Kauffmann helped her to become more personally assertive. Today, says Scarbough, "I'm more fully present, and I don't just have a public facade. I go home and feel like a good person."

Early in her therapy, Scarbough's life took a sudden and dramatic bad turn. She developed a horrific medical condition that led to two years of chronic pain. She could barely get out of bed, and Kauffmann got her through it. "Joan helped me get my mind around thinking of my time in bed as a possible vacation," laughs Scarbough.

"Joan has been a lifeline, then and now," she says. "Joan taught me things I can apply forever." ■

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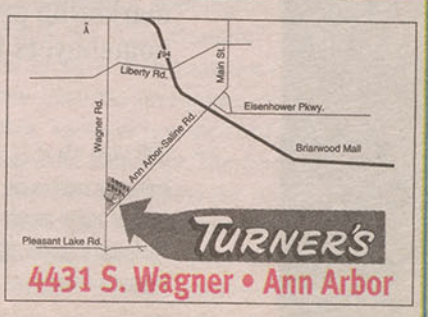

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Ann Arbor's first suburb recalls the golden age of landscape architecture.

The Buried History of Barton Hills

by Lois Kane and Grace Shackman

(Above) An Olmsted Brothers blueprint shows the signature stone pillars at the entrance. (Left) The country club was set on the hilltop overlooking Barton Pond—one of many views lost as woods grew up throughout the subdivision (below).

Barton Hills Village is a 140-home enclave set on rolling hills between the Huron River and Whitmore Lake Road. Ann Arbor's first suburb was a financial disaster for its developers, but a century after it was conceived, it remains a masterpiece of the landscaper's art. Designed by the Olmsted Brothers, whose father created New York's Central Park, it was carefully planned to preserve and emphasize the land's natural forms. Today, its winding lanes and thoughtfully sited homes recall a moment in American history when landscape architecture was an important cultural force.

Apparently, the area has always been recognized as special. In 1998 a builder working on a new home uncovered human remains at a site on Barton Shore Drive. He called the Washtenaw County sheriff's office, which called the U-M Museum of Anthropology. Archaeologist John O'Shea came to investigate.

In a subsequent talk to Barton Hills residents, O'Shea recalled that he and his colleagues at first doubted whether the site was of archaeological interest: the remains seemed too fresh, and the bones seemed too long to be prehistoric. But further analysis of the bones, soil, and artifacts established that the first recorded person at the site of what is now Barton Hills was a tall, slim young woman who lived more than 1,000 years ago. She must have been something of an aristocrat, because when she died, she was buried in a stone-lined grave instead of being left exposed to birds, insects, and weather, the usual practice at the time.

Even after white settlers cleared the trees from the hills early in the nineteenth century, the 1,000-year-old grave lay hidden and forgotten. Then, a century ago, the landscape underwent another dramatic change.

In 1905, Detroit's Edison Illuminating Company purchased Washtenaw Light and Power, which had been furnishing electricity to Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti from a hydroelectric plant on Dixboro Road. Edison also bought other properties along the Huron where hydropower could be developed or improved, including the river below Barton Hills.

In *Kilowatts at Work*, a 1957 history of Detroit Edison, author Raymond C. Miller writes that the company wanted the sites mainly to eliminate competitors like Washtenaw Light and Power. Even then, it was clear that hydropower couldn't meet the area's demand for electricity. Nonetheless, Edison went on to build the dams and generating stations that still define the river all the way from Belleville to Barton Hills.

The company's president at the time was Alexander Dow (1862–1942), a Scottish immigrant who taught himself science. According to Miller, Dow was a well-read man with many interests. "No one could ignore the fact that the introduction of dams and power plants would assuredly alter the scene," Miller writes. "Dow himself was too much a lover of nature to do unnecessary violence to natural beauty, and the contemporary national emphasis on conservation and the protection of natural resources attracted his approval and interest."

Miller's book, commissioned by Detroit Edison, wasn't likely to portray Dow in any but a flattering light. But there's no question that Dow was a visionary. To obtain the property for its dams and flowage area, Edison often had to buy larger parcels, including entire farms. In 1913 the company combined all the excess property, totaling 2,000 acres, into one entity, the Huron Farms Company, and hired William E. Underdown, a 1904 Cornell graduate, to manage it.

The original idea had been to sell off the excess land, but soon Dow was full of plans to use it. He created a demonstration farm on Whitmore Lake Road, opened a resort for the company's women employees on Huron River Drive, and donated land on Argo Pond to the city for a boathouse and municipal beach. But his most lasting impact came when he hired the nation's leading landscape architects, Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Frederick Law Olmsted and his then partner, Calvert Vaux, were the first people ever to describe themselves as "landscape architects." Their signature creation was the vast and innovative design of New York City's Central Park. The park's "natural design" was not natural at all: it was a carefully engineered replacement for what was then a swampy lowland. Beginning in 1857, Olmsted and Vaux changed it to a glorious centerpiece of the city by adding hills and meadows, massive plantings, curving pathways, and stone walls and bridges.

Olmsted founded his own firm in 1883. Driven by the conviction that beautiful settings would improve the health and welfare of ordinary people, he and his associates shaped such beloved American landscapes as Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C.; Detroit's Belle Isle; the spacious grounds of Stanford University; and Boston's "Emerald Necklace" of linked parks. The firm even contributed early designs for Yellowstone National Park.

Under Olmsted's son and stepson, who took over in 1895, the firm continued to win high-profile assignments, including the National Mall and the White House grounds in Washington. (In 1918 Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. excused himself from a Barton Hills trip, writing that he was "continuously employed in Washington upon government work.") But during the "City Beautiful" movement of the early twentieth century, many smaller communities also sought guidance from the prestigious firm. Before World War I, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and the U-M all commissioned master plans from the Olmsteds. The firm's list of Ann Arbor projects also includes plans for nine east-side subdivisions and landscapes for an equal number of individual property owners. (Its landscape plan for Harry and Carrie Earhart's mansion on Geddes has been re-created by the building's present owner, Concordia University.)

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Edison president Alex Dow oversaw construction of the company's power dams on the Huron River. Dow's wife, Vivienne, chose the site for their sprawling shingle-style home (shown when new, above, and today) for its view of Barton Dam.

Dow sought the firm's advice on the entire Huron Farms project. But its biggest contribution was its design for Barton Hills. Dow envisioned stately homes, a country club, and even a hotel on the rolling hills north of the newly created Barton Pond.

Some skeptics had trouble imagining the transformation Dow proposed. Because the area had been cleared for grazing long before, they jokingly dubbed the planned community "Barren Hills."

On December 22, 1915, Underdown reported to the Olmsteds that he was surveying the hill land north of Barton Pond and "would like to arrange with you to lay this out for [a] subdivision . . . for fairly high class private homes." By April 1916 the firm had delivered a preliminary plan. The lots were large, from one to eight acres, and a cover letter explained that each had been laid according to "important views, and with the shape of the land."

The letter noted that the country club was sited high on a hill, "in a most commanding position" on Barton North Drive. Deceptively rustic, the roads were actually carefully engineered for optimal grading and drainage. The Olmsteds added that Barton Shore Drive, which roughly paralleled Barton North Drive at a lower elevation, would "undoubtedly prove the most attractive when built as it will follow comparatively near the water and will command an uninterrupted view over the pool."

"It's that drive along the shore that does it," comments Realtor Ed Surovell, who lives in Barton Hills. "On most of the recreational lakes in this area (and almost everywhere else for that matter) roads have been placed behind the houses (usually seasonal cottages) so that there is no road between cottage and water; here, the motorist or pedestrian gets the benefit."

The site was not entirely empty. While the dam was being constructed, several unassuming, traditional houses had been built on the shore for Edison employees; they are still there, now used for Barton Hills staff. During World War I a few grander homes were built by individuals with Edison connections. Underdown, the Huron Farms manager, began work on a house for his family in 1916. He consulted with a "Mr. G. Gibbs" of Olmsted on the construction of the access road, later named Underdown.

Infrastructure work began in earnest after the war. In 1919, by special action of the Huron Farms board, Dow's wife, Vivienne, was given her choice of any lot in the subdivision for $1. She chose a centrally located sixteen-acre site, halfway between the high road and the shore road, that had an excellent view of the pond, so her husband could look out and see his dam.

Designed by U-M architecture dean Emil Lorch (who probably also did the Underdown house), the Dow home was started in 1921 and occupied by 1922. It is large, with twenty rooms, but feels comfortable and homey. In the manner of the British rural gentry, the Dows gave it a name, "Brushwood." (According to their granddaughter, the name came from one of Vivienne's favorite poems.)

After the house was completed, Alex Dow commuted to Detroit, sometimes

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staying the night or part of the week. For many years Vivienne continued to consult the Olmsted firm, asking about such things as where to locate the rose garden, the configuration of the path to the beach, and how to add a stone wall in front. In February 1927, Ferris Smith, who had replaced Gibbs as the Olmsted representative, visited the Dows and reported, "Met Mrs. Dow at 10 o'clock, also Mr. Dow. He left in a few minutes and said that Mrs. Dow was boss of the place."

According to a reminiscence written by former resident Ole Blackett in 1974, the developers first focused on selling multi-acre sites to buyers seeking "large houses suitable for country estates." But if Dow had hoped to lure other Detroit executives to Barton Hills, he was disappointed—most of the early buyers came from Ann Arbor. "For several reasons, among which are the rapid expansion of the University and the great amount of heavy traffic along Washtenaw Ave., it seems that several people have already decided that they wish to move further out," Smith reported in June 1922. "And while I was in Ann Arbor, among those who came out to Barton Hills to look at property were the Dan Zimmermans, Dr. R. Bishop Canfield, Dr. and Mrs. [Breakey], and Dr. and Mrs. Loree." Drs. Breakey and Loree both lived near Central Campus, while Canfield and Zimmerman, a businessman who had investments in everything from artificial ice to ball bearings, were neighbors on Washtenaw. (The Canfields' home later became the Women's City Club.)

As lots were sold, architects began contacting the Olmsted firm for site information. For instance, a July 1922 letter from Cuthbert and Cuthbert (William and Ivan, local architect and engineer respectively) asks for specifics for lots 7 and 8. Because each site plan needed detailed drawings, the Olmsteds suggested hiring a full-time architect; they recommended George Babson, who had done similar work for them at Forest Hills Gardens on Long Island.

Detroit Edison completed the first nine holes of Barton Hills Country Club in 1919. In 1922 the clubhouse was built and the course extended and redesigned. "The idea of the country club was to embellish the subdivision," explains Edmond DeVine, who today lives in the Underdown house and as a boy often came to the golf course with his father. The club's original members constituted a who's who of the community; among them were U-M regent Junius Beal and Walter Mack, owner of the town's largest department store. (Membership is not linked to residency—of the 540 current member families, only fifty-six live in the village.)

The first two houses, Underdown's and the Dows', were in the shingled Arts and Crafts style. In the 1920s the English Cottage style was popular, with its steeply pitched roofs, casement windows, stained-glass windows, and curved entrances. Cuthbert and Cuthbert excelled at this style, winning an honorable mention in an architectural magazine for the Vernau home on Underdown.

According to Ole Blackett, however, "suddenly the sale of lots stopped. . . . Apparently the demand for expensive country estate had run out and Edison was forced to alter its sales policy." Blackett believed that Edison then subdivided larger lots to produce more affordable parcels. However, even the earliest Olmsted maps show many relatively modest homesites of an acre or so. More likely, the developers simply changed their focus from multiple-lot blocks to individual sales.

The first clue that Edison might be lowering its sights came in 1924, when Underdown asked Frederick Olmsted Jr. his opinion of Henry Flagg houses, which, Underdown explained, were "built low to the ground without cellars." Olmsted was out of the office when the letter arrived, but his staff answered, "We know that Mr. Olmsted has been more or less acquainted with the 'Flagg' house for some time, and while we cannot quote him we understand he is not enthusiastic over them." Nonetheless, three Flagg houses were built near the east end of the development.

As early as 1931, Edison's financial people were complaining that the development had cost roughly $234,000 and produced only $22,000. There were also ongoing costs, with Edison employees often siphoned off to do chores at Barton Hills and the other properties.

Edison's hopes for Barton Hills peaked in 1925, when the company had Olmsted sketch out a possible extension of the development all the way west to the Foster Bridge on Maple Road. But there weren't enough buyers to fill the original subdivision, much less the extension. Edison stopped consulting the Olmsted firm after 1927, presumably to rein in expenses.

The 1931 advertising brochure emphasized that "homes need not be pretentious" and invited future buyers to "notice the diversity of architecture and to see how harmoniously the smaller homes blend with the larger residences." Even many of those larger houses seem relatively normal today. "The houses that I remember were not fancy," says Sarah Riggs Taggart, who as a child spent a lot of time at Barton Hills because her grandparents on both sides, Henry and Emma Riggs and Grace Walzer, and her aunt Lizzie Oliphant all lived there. "I remember the Breakey house as comfortable, the Riggs house likewise. Gram [Walzer]'s big house was the fanciest, and the fact that subsequent owners haven't tampered with it suggests that everyone has loved it as it is."

Barton Hills grew slowly but steadily even through the Depression. Instead of executives, many of the new arrivals in the 1930s were U-M faculty, such as Bill Haber and his wife, Fanny; William and Louise Trow; and Ole and Ruth Blackett. Helen Underdown built a smaller house on Juniper Lane after William was killed in a car crash in 1930.

In 1941 Dr. Howard and Cecilia Ross built a multipillared house that neighbors sarcastically dubbed "Tara," after the mansion in *Gone With the Wind*. That same year, at the opposite end of the architectural spectrum, Otto and Eleanor LaPorte built the first Modern-style home in Barton Hills. Designed by U-M architecture professor George Brigham, "it was so modern, Otto and Eleanor had a difficult time getting financing," reports Adele LaPorte, Otto's second wife. "It was so outré, the bank said they'd never get their money out of it." A year later Gene and Sadie Power also built a Modern house, designed by Birmingham architect Wallace Frost.

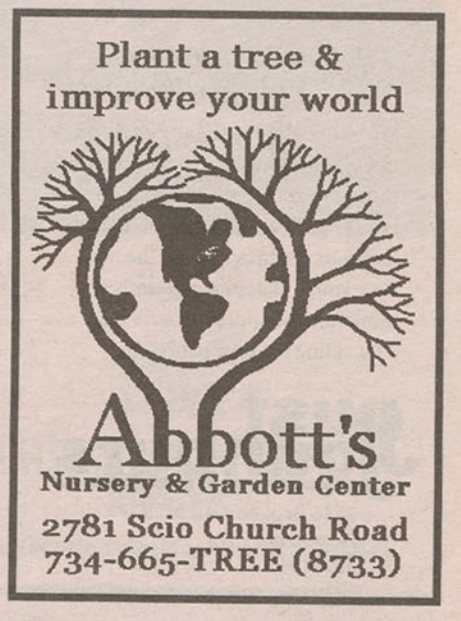
Home building stopped during World War II, when materials were needed for the war effort. That may have been the final straw for Detroit Edison. As early as 1931, financial people at the company were complaining that Huron Farms, as the development was still called, had cost roughly $234,000 and produced only $22,000. There were also ongoing costs, with Edison employees often siphoned off to do chores at Barton Hills and the other properties.

So in 1944 the company essentially gave the property to the residents. "They contacted the people who lived here and wanted them to take it over," recalls Walter Esch, the village's maintenance superintendent. But according to Esch, "the people didn't have any money, and they didn't want to take it over. So Edison put ten thousand dollars in the bank for them to take it over and left Charlie Gallagher, one of their employees, to stay on the premises."

According to Blackett, who was involved in the negotiations, the transaction was carefully crafted to allow Edison to write off its losses on the development without creating any new tax liabilities for the residents. Edison sold out to the newly formed Barton Hills Improvement Association for just $20,000—and gave the group a mortgage for the entire amount. Though Blackett was on the U-M faculty, he writes that after the transfer, "I went on the road myself and sold lots in order to meet our mortgage payments and our share of the employment payrolls."

By 1949 Gallagher needed help in maintaining the subdivision's 500 acres. He talked Walter Esch, then twenty-three, away from his family farm on North Territorial to take the job. Walter and his wife, Mary, moved into one of three three-bedroom employee houses, where they raised ten children. One of those children, David, and his wife, Jan, now live in one of the houses, too. David is the village's assistant maintenance superintendent, and Jan is the village's assistant clerk.

Walter Esch recalls that one of the more colorful postwar residents was Edgar Kaiser, son of the industrialist Henry Kaiser, who had taken over the Willow Run bomber plant to build Kaiser Frazer cars. Edgar enlarged the Riggs home and added a swimming pool. Every year he put up



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When he started, Esch says, there were still only about thirty homes in the village. The Detroit Edison people were all gone, and most of the residents were professionals—doctors, dentists, and professors. But the postwar construction boom was starting, and after thirty years of delays, Barton Hills was about to fill up.

In the 1950s and 1960s, many new homes were Modern designs by forward-looking U-M professors, such as Brigham and Bob Metcalf. Architects Fran Quarton and Herb Johe built houses for themselves, and Johe designed four others. David Osler, son-in-law of Emil Lorch, also built several Modern houses, and the Colvin Robinson firm designed a home for George and Elizabeth (Libby) Langford. Generally, these were flat-roof designs that blended in with the landscape and made economical and respectful use of such materials as glass, wood, and concrete. They probably averaged about 2,800 square feet—considerably smaller than the mansions that had preceded them.

Multitalented Walter Esch became, de facto, the landscaper of Barton Hills. Olmsted had laid one-lane gravel roads. Over time, Esch oversaw their widening to two-lane asphalt roads that retain the Olmsted contours. "Oh, Juniper Lane was gravel," he recalls. He and another employee "blacktopped it by hand because they [the residents' association] didn't have any money." Using rubble from city of Ann Arbor demolitions, he widened the shoulders where the river sometimes washed out the road.

Over the years, Esch has also been, de facto, fire chief, chief of police, water commissioner, road maintenance administrator and crew, garbage department head and crew, mailman, rescue squad for household emergencies, and bus driver. "Because Walter came at the time the community was just finding its identity," his daughter-in-law Jan says, "many of the current traditions were his idea, and the two just grew up together."

From 1944 to 1975, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day, the Barton Hills bus was available for trips to and from Ann Arbor. "We picked up the maids and everything," Esch says. "There was a family, we had to sit there until the maid had the dinner on the table before we could take her to town, and the board backed her [the lady of the house] up. Charlie and I, we used to argue with the board all the time about that."

The older Esch children went to the two-room Hagen School on Dhu Varren Road. As the district grew, the younger ones went to various elementary schools. "I think most Barton Hills kids went to University School," Mary says. Walter recalls that the Barton Hills bus delivered kids to seven schools, including, besides the now defunct University School, St. Thomas, Angell, Tappan, and eventually Greenhills. Ann Arbor school buses now take kids to Wines, Forsythe, and Pioneer.

In 1973 Barton Hills became the first home-rule village in Washtenaw County. This status protected the subdivision from what residents saw then as potential incursions of other governments that might necessitate difficult and expensive water and sewage linkups.

"My two best friends," says Libby Langford, a critical player in establishing the village, "were Conrail and the Foster Bridge"—the high-speed tracks and single-lane bridge discouraged traffic from Ann Arbor. "Nobody bothers us; we do our own thing; we love it."

The village has its own well on a clean aquifer. Each home has its own septic system, and the village requires periodic inspections. Residents pay taxes to both the village and Ann Arbor Township, currently totaling about 13.5 mills. (The corresponding rate in Ann Arbor is 16.9 mills.) One curious legacy of the village's past is that the Barton Hills Maintenance Corporation owns the roads and therefore is able to limit access to the village—signs at the entrances announce "No thoroughfare" and "Private road."

Only a few empty lots remain, and most of those belong to families who own two. So, for the most part, if a new house is to be built, an old one must come down. In the past ten years the village has seen about half a dozen "teardowns." The long-forgotten stone grave was discovered during one of these projects, for Domino's Pizza president and U-M regent David Brandon.

These new homes vary in architectural style, but all of them are several times larger than the buildings they replaced.

Since 1949, Walter Esch has done whatever needs doing in Barton Hills. His wife, Mary, raised ten children in a bungalow originally built for workers on Barton dam. Now their son David and daughter-in-law Jan work for the village, too, and live in another of the houses.

That's become an issue for the maintenance corporation, which must approve all building plans. "As I look to the future," says president Chuck Bultman, "one of the struggles of the corporation is to find a way to work with the larger house typical today, sited on lots designed for a more modest house size."

The first generation of residents were, like Alex Dow himself, wealthy white Anglo-Saxon Protestants. But unlike some developments of its era, Barton Hills never had restrictive deed covenants that barred minorities. Today, residents include African American, Middle Eastern, Indian, Kashmiri, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and East Asian families.

Prosperity, however, remains a requirement. According to the 2000 census, Barton Hills' median household income was $149,000, more than triple Ann Arbor's $46,000. And while Ann Arbor posted a healthy median home value of $181,000, it paled next to Barton Hill's $710,000. Real estate agent Nancy Bishop, who lives in the village, estimates that house values start at about $600,000 and run all the way up to $5 or $6 million.

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There have been a few minor adjustments over the years, but overall, Barton Hills' layout remains remarkably faithful to the parklike design worked out by the Olmsteds more than eighty years ago. The biggest change is that hills once barren are now almost covered with trees.

The Olmsteds recommended trees as early as 1916, and the U-M forestry school oversaw plantings in the 1920s. The firm was never commissioned to develop a maintenance plan for the village, but to judge by its work elsewhere, it would almost certainly have provided for glades, dells, and long clear views between groupings of well-tended trees. Instead, coveted and cosseted, the trees have multiplied into a thick forest that presents a major challenge to the Olmsted plan.

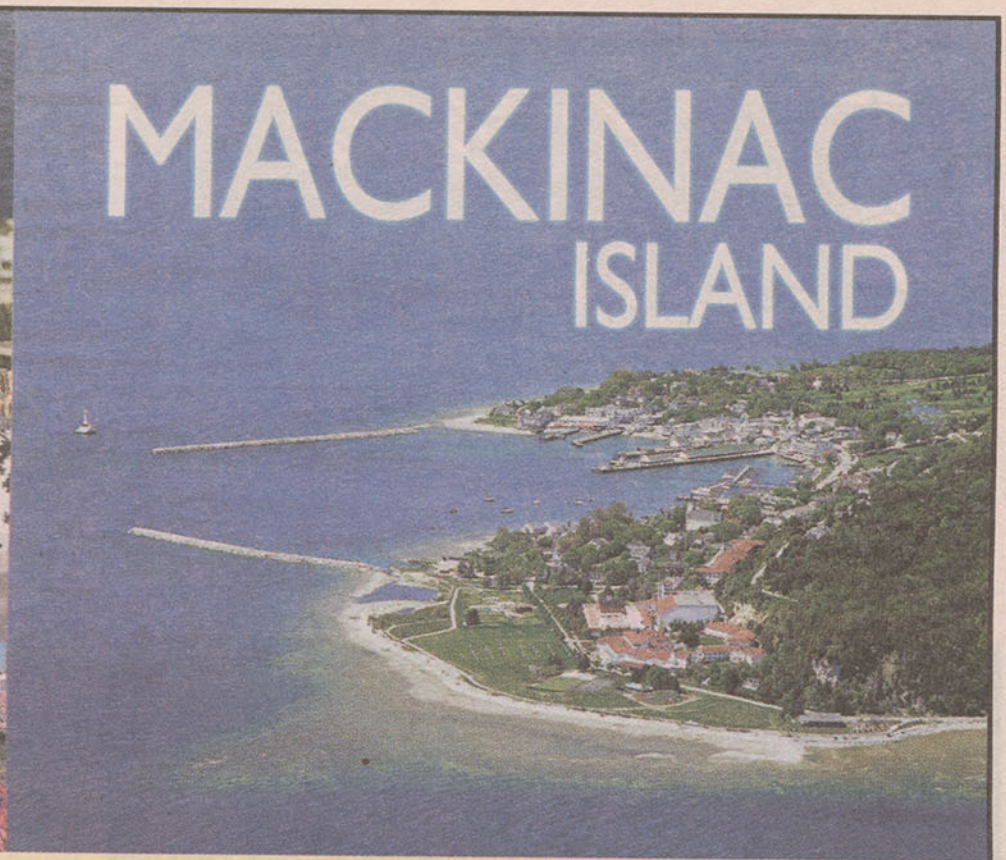
The original country club building nestled into the landscape yet offered a lovely view of the river from its long covered veranda. Over the decades, however, trees grew and blocked the river view. In the late 1980s the original clubhouse was torn down and replaced by a large, traditionally columned building placed right up against Country Club Road. The site described by Olmsted Brothers as the best in Barton Hills is now occupied by a parking lot.

Knowledge of Dow's Olmstedian vision died out with the first generation of residents. Many present residents interviewed for this article hadn't even known of the Olmsted connection when they bought their houses. As the years went by and trees continued growing, people living away from the shore forgot about the views and instead enjoyed the closeness to nature and privacy that the trees provided.

"When the view died, the plan died. Views only exist for the fortunate few," says Ed Surovell, adding that people today are attracted by the trees instead. "It was a change in social values. Trees were good, positive. City folks can't tell good trees from bad."

They're trying to learn. In 2003 the village's board of trustees hired Clark Forestry to conduct a study of the state of the woods. (Though the firm is based in Baraboo, Wisconsin, owner Fred Clark grew up in Barton Hills.) Commissioning of the study "is an indication of the awareness that the trees need to be managed and plans made for the future," Jan Esch says. "It has been supported by consistent, if limited, budgetary funding. Some funds were spent last year on garlic mustard control and ash tree removal, with continuing efforts under way for this year." There are other environmental issues as well, such as plant growth in Barton Pond and the village's resident deer herd, which has grown so large that it has to be managed by professional sharpshooters under a state permit.

Although it has acquired more and bigger houses, Barton Hills hasn't become a mere house museum. The rolling hills, alluring roads, and general focus on the pond remain intact. A century after Alex Dow started buying up property along the Huron, the Olmsted Brothers' work has held up well. ■



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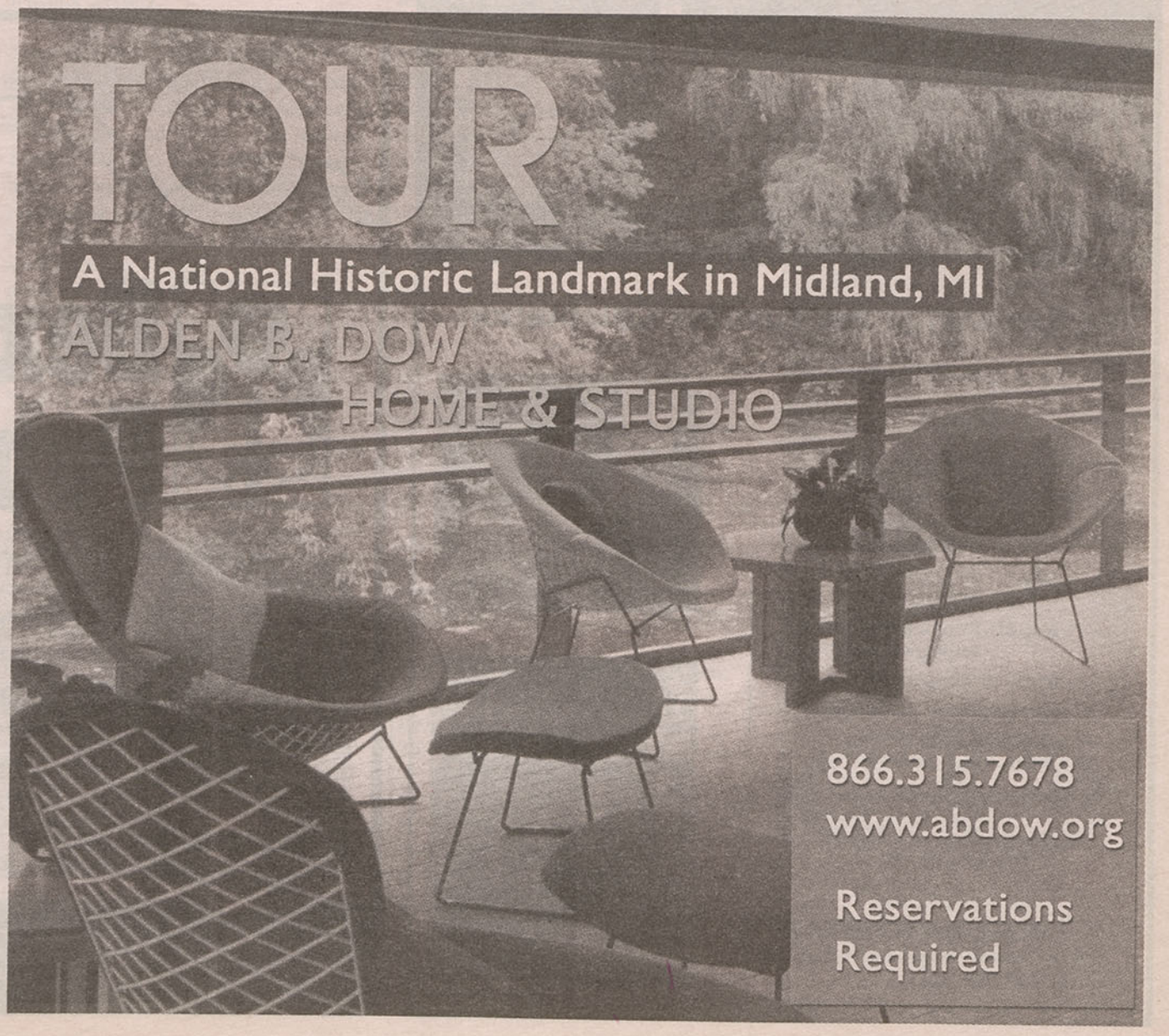

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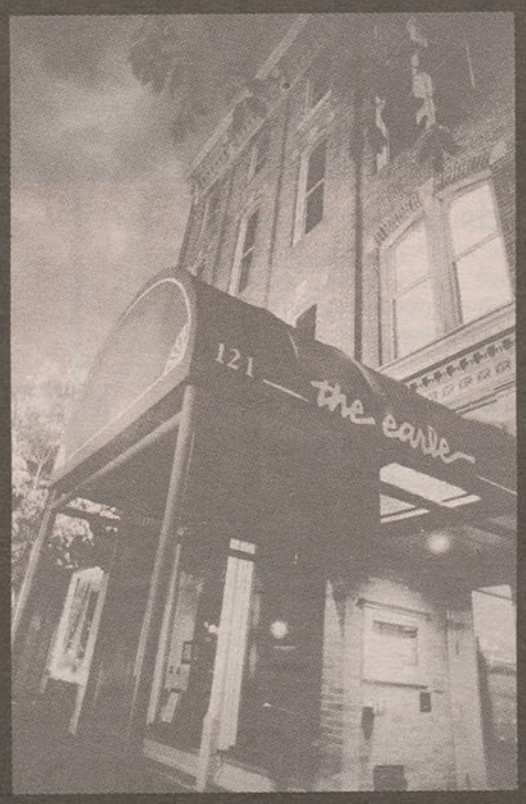

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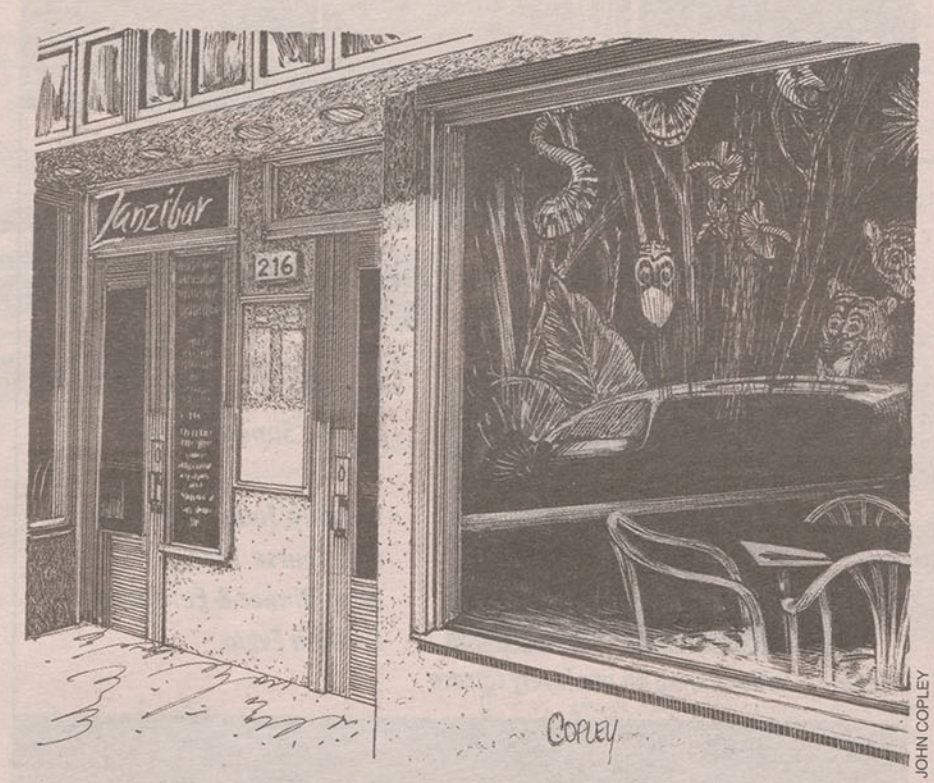

JOHN COPLEY

Melodiously evoking exotic scenes and sensory journeys, "Zanzibar" is a wonderful name for a restaurant. Ann Arbor's version fulfills that promise with jungle murals that pay homage to Henri Rousseau, a spectacular ceiling hung with broad batik panels, and a flood of light from soaring two-story windows. The place is getting on in age and feels a little down at the heels, but that just adds a hint of backwater, postcolonial charm—like Singapore's Raffles before the makeover.

Zanzibar's global fusion menu is not universally successful, but it has some pleasant highlights. In April the restaurant unveiled a revamped lunch menu, adding nine new sandwiches and reshuffling a number of appetizers from the dinner menu to midday, where they appear as light plates. In my book, both are good moves.

Among the appetizers I tried, the best were the baked "jumbo shrimp"—plump prawns baked in a mini gratin dish with crumbled French goat cheese, coarsely chopped tomatoes, and a delicious olive-rosemary garnish. The kung pao chicken cakes—minced chicken patties covered in crushed peanuts and flash fried—presented a good meld of such flavors as lemongrass and chilies. The cakes were on the dry side, but a fine soy-pepper dipping sauce helped.

The fried calamari starter was a tad too greasy, but again, the sauces—lemongrass aioli and a salty *nuoc cham*—saved the day. I was about to get on my squid soapbox and ask again, When is a restaurant in Ann Arbor going to offer grilled calamari? But Zanzibar beat me to the punch with a recent special, a nice grilled-squid appetizer with roasted red and green peppers, lots of herbs, cannellini beans, frisée, and *romesco* sauce.

Having spent many summer days crabbing in Chesapeake Bay, I just can't help it—I am a crab purist, which means *let the crab speak for itself*. In Zanzibar's crab cakes, the spices overwhelm the sweet crustacean meat. Another appetizer, grilled Haloumi cheese, comes with spicy pickled grapes, shredded carrots, picholine olives, and baguette slices. I'm not sure the accompaniments added much, but the cheese itself was nicely cooked, with the requisite grill stripes.

Salads are nearly the same at lunch and dinner. The selection hasn't changed much on the new lunch menu, but Zanzibar has lowered the price on several. Generally, we enjoyed the simpler salads, particularly the arugula with roasted beets, fennel, and chopped hazelnuts.

As we approached main course territory, the sailing got rough. The steak salad is slices of flank steak (an interesting cut if it is marinated, which this did not appear to be), a thin latke-style potato pancake, and crisp fried onions, with romaine lettuce and prosaic ranch dressing. I wanted to deconstruct it: I'm not partial to having my salad-meat-potatoes all in one bowl. I could see this dish reincarnated with more Asian overtones, with marinated beef and a lighter dressing.

We had two favorite dinner entrees. The first was a rib-eye steak done with a zingy spice rub, served with a potato gratin and a fine side dish of sautéed green beans with mushrooms and bacon. The second, lemongrass duck, is interestingly prepared and accompanied by sweet-potato puree and braised bok choy. I had high hopes for the delicious-sounding Caribbean seafood stew—shrimp, scallops, mussels, and a small salmon fillet in mild curry sauce garnished with fresh chopped mango and served with steamed spinach. It arrived beautifully plated and the seafood was reasonably good, but the sauce was so oversalted that it was inedible.

The latest lunch carte emphasizes sandwiches. If the two new ones I tried are any indication, this menu's a winner. The panino with marinated artichokes, sautéed mushrooms, and Fontina cheese is a gooey delight on crispy grilled Zingerman's bread, accompanied by first-rate spicy fries with homemade ketchup. The Cuban-style pork sandwich features onions marinated in Cuba's favorite *mojo* sauce (lots of cumin and garlic), Jarlsberg cheese, and a big pile of sliced, slow-cooked pork. Very nice.

Meals end pleasantly here. Among the desserts, I adored the *churros*, house-made fresh crullers that are sprinkled with sugar and served, Mexican (or Spanish) style, with chocolate *a la taza* (a thick hot chocolate concoction) on the side for dunking. The "signature" mango tart was tasty, but the three-nut crust was so hard it careened unexpectedly off the plate if the angle of my fork was inopportune. The new Meyer lemon pudding is light and refreshing and served with a lime cookie that certainly tastes homemade. An individual orange-cardamom Bundt cake was lovely as well, but too much for one—better share it among friends.

Zanzibar's wine list deserves attention, with decent and interesting wines available by the glass and a generous pour. Not that I've done an extensive survey, but I'd say its markup on bottles is among the lowest in town. One of its most expensive bottles, a nonvintage Veuve Clicquot brut at $65, for example, is $9 less than at Eve and $10 less than at the Earle Uptown.

Zanzibar has so much good material to work with. The service is uniformly pleasant and efficient. Its proprietors have shown their fine aesthetic in the design and their poetic sense in naming their restaurant (for contrast, consider the nearby Potbelly Sandwich Works). Zanzibar's food occasionally goes off course, but with the new lunch menu, it's tacking in the right direction.

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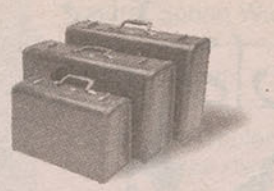

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Saica is an unassuming little place in a very ordinary setting, the Courtyard Shops on Plymouth Road. But for some reason, every time I walk in the door, I think of *Blade Runner,* Ridley Scott's 1982 sci-fi classic. I'm not suggesting that this is postapocalyptic dining, but there is definitely an East-West-fusion, postmodern feel here: cool colors, Asian music in the Europop mold, lots of metal, and a digital aquarium—a super-high-def screen displaying electric fish. Like *Blade Runner*'s melding of Middle European and Asian cultures, Saica has an international staff—a Slovak server here, a Korean there—and young, cosmopolitan diners, especially the lunch crowd, which seems to draw heavily from nearby Pfizer.

I prefer the quiet conviviality of dinner, when Saica reverts to a neighborhood-restaurant vibe. On one recent Sunday evening, there were clearly lots of regulars in attendance, and Saica proved to be an easy hit for a healthy and relatively inexpensive meal. We started off with bite-sized *shumai,* steamed dumplings filled with ground pork and a dab of serious wasabi sauce to keep things interesting. Then, since it was a freakishly cold spring evening, we opted for *chanko nabe*—the superdeluxe version of the *nabemono* hot pot. Combining good food with kitchen gadgetry—always a plus in my book—Saica's nabemono is built around a large iron pot that is set on its own tabletop burner to boil and bubble away as the ingredients stew. The chanko nabe fixings include king crab legs, octopus, salmon cubes, shrimp, tofu, ground beef balls, chicken breast meat, Chinese cabbage, spinach, mushrooms, and carrots, among other things, as well as two side sauces, miso-sesame and *ponzu*. This is leisurely dining at its best. We fished out the seafood first, as the other bits continued to cook away, creating a deeply flavorful broth as time went on; all of it, of course, stays hot and ready for the next helping. One pot ($18.95) is a varied, filling meal for two.

The two sushi chefs on duty practiced their craft with a deft hand, mostly turning out familiar standards. I tried one that sounded unusual—a "Capri roll" with tuna, *kampyo* (dried gourd), and squiggles of miso-blue-cheese and eel sauces—but found the blue cheese part didn't agree with my palate. They do a fine California roll, however. I also ordered a Hawaii roll, but I think they mixed up their forty-ninth and fiftieth states, because what I got looked more like what the menu described as an Alaska roll—a California topped with salmon, smelt roe, and salmon roe. In any case, it was quite good.

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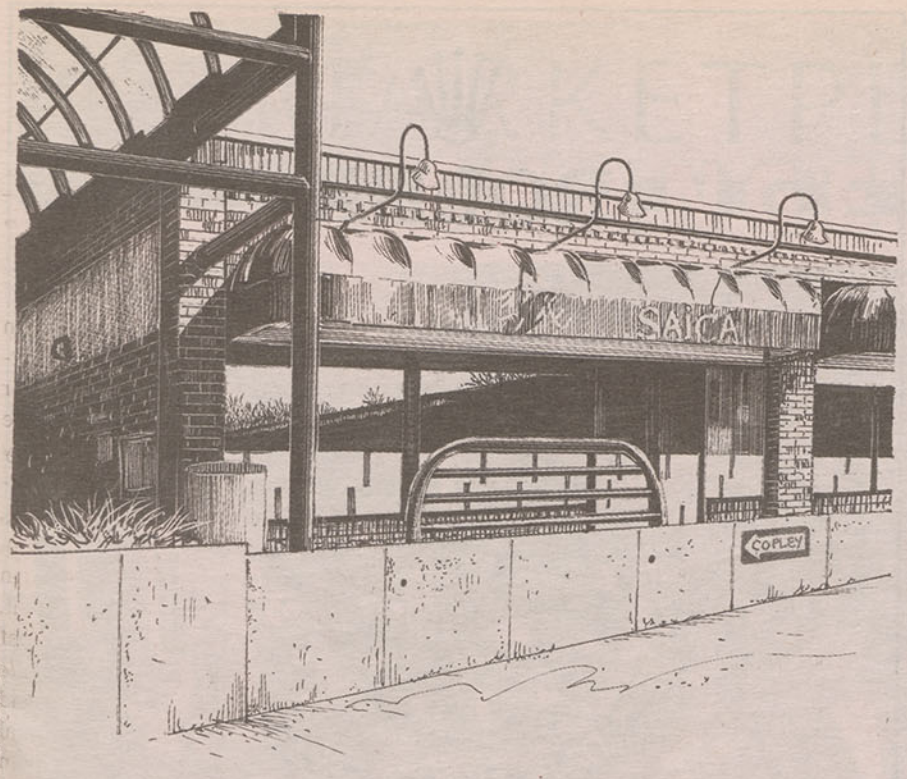

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Quick Bites

Most dishes come with miso soup or a small side salad with a gingery dressing. The tempura soba, buckwheat noodles in a seafood stock with a side of shrimp tempura, did not rise above the ordinary; the promised fish cake was absent, and the tempura was somewhat greasy. I'd opt instead for one of the well-priced sushi combination lunches.

The service was unobtrusive, efficient, and exceptionally pleasant at lunch and dinner. All in all, Saica fills its niche well as the north side's neighborhood Japanese. No matter where you live, keep it in mind when you need a refuge from the Main Street crowds at Art Fair or after a Big House football game. Then again, its cool metal chic can mesmerize at any time. As I sipped my barley tea and gazed at the tranquilizing glow of the digital aquarium, I drifted back to *Blade Runner* and found myself wondering, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*

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I'm not naming any names, but a few years ago, we celebrated a friend's thirty-fifth birthday by inviting him to one of the area's best restaurants. We brought with us an expensive bottle of champagne. During our meal we ordered from the regular wine list, but after dinner we toasted our friend with our own champagne. The restaurant chilled and served it, and charged us a reasonable corkage fee of $10.

Wozniak told us that any restaurant caught serving wine brought in from outside can be fined $300 per violation.

The restaurant's indulgence made for a very pleasant evening—but according to Ken Wozniak, director of executive services for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, it was also illegal. Wozniak told us that any restaurant caught serving wine brought in from outside can be fined $300 per violation. It could also be criminally charged, and even lose its liquor license. It's even more serious if a restaurant with no license lets guests bring in their own alcohol—in fact, it's a felony. "That would be what we call a 'blind pig'—an unlicensed drinking establishment," said Wozniak. (Told that Ann Arbor has a bar named the Blind Pig, he laughed appreciatively.)

Customers and restaurateurs may be confused, because brown-bagging and corkage are legal in many states—among them New York, California, Washington, and even Utah. But don't look for relief from Lansing anytime soon. "There was an attempt to introduce a brown-bag law in the legislature a few years ago," says Wozniak, "but it didn't get very far."

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MARKETPLACE CHANGES

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Larry Greene got his start in the flower business hanging around a neighborhood shop at age thirteen.

Furniture and flowers behind the post office

Eclectic good taste at Objet d'Art

Antique dealer and floral designer Larry Greene likes to work off the beaten path. In New York he had an interior decor shop in Rye rather than Manhattan. Now, in Ann Arbor, he's opened **Objet d'Art** in an obscure location behind Ann Arbor's Stadium Boulevard post office. Objet d'Art is part antiques shop, part floral boutique, and part home store. The goods in its eclectic combination have two things in common: they are beautiful, and they reflect Greene's impeccable taste. "I'm not a snob about things being old," he says. "I just like to like something."

"There's nothing worse than a total French interior—it looks like Early Brothel," says Greene. "I like a mixture of things."

That principle is borne out by a leisurely stroll through Objet d'Art, a newly rehabbed salmon-colored building with a classical French exterior and an interior fashioned from wood salvaged from a couple of aging Washtenaw County barns. Against the rough-hewn, weather-silvered walls, Greene showcases custom-upholstered new furniture, thirty-year-old furniture, and even 300-year-old furniture.

In the main room, a pair of European antique chairs priced at $10,000 sits casually across the room from a $35 pitcher fashioned with ceramic romaine leaves. There's an antique brass-and-iron scale; a new, vividly lime green chaise; abstract paintings; a collection of vintage teapots in the shape of turtles, crabs, and strawberries; and a pair of regal wood-and-black-leather antique chairs. Many customers seem to gravitate to those chairs, in part because they are majestically comfortable, but also because they are among the few antique chairs in the shop that don't have a sign asking patrons not to sit on them.

It's a lively, surprising juxtaposition of styles and eras—just as Greene intended. "There's nothing worse than a total French interior—it looks like Early Brothel," he declares. "I like a mixture of things."

That everything works so harmoniously is a credit to Greene's eye for detail as well as to his lovely floral designs, which are shown throughout the store. Examples range from bountiful stemmed bouquets that are eloquent studies in color and texture to handmade barn-wood plant holders sprouting bright yellow calla lilies. The potted flora, often planted two or three to the container, are so perfect that they almost look like silk re-creations. Greene, who's sixty-four, has been in the flower business ever since he started hanging out in a shop down the street from his house at age thirteen. In his capable hands, even a collection of dead tree branches he found by the side of Wagner Road becomes a thing of beauty, arcing gracefully from a $110 oversize vase.

In Rye, in New York's upscale Westchester County, Greene had a bustling business supplying arrangements for society weddings. Then, as he became interested in antiques and added them to his inventory, the store, in his words, "turned into bedlam. You'd go to an auction and buy twenty things, and a decorator would come in and buy eighteen of them. I had customers that were thirty years old and they were worth two million. It was overwhelming."

Greene came to Michigan to find a simpler lifestyle and to be near family (he was born in Howell). After finding the space behind the post office, Greene and his contractors spent eight months gutting and refurbishing it, and another several weeks "moving things around about seven hundred times." Since inventory arrives almost daily, Greene has ample opportunity

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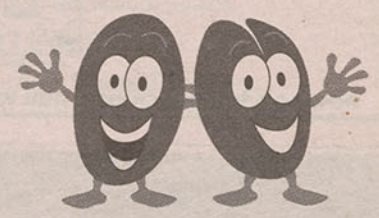

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At Found in Kerrytown, Mary Cambruzzi showcases art, crafts, and furniture made from recycled vintage objects.

to tweak, and it's clearly something he loves to do. Next year he'll be happily occupied building a house.

Even as Stadium Boulevard undergoes major reconstruction and customers puzzle over how to get to the store (hint: take Federal Boulevard, just south of the post office, to Commerce), Greene is pleased with his offbeat location—visible but not obvious, and with plenty of free parking and room for delivery trucks. Holding court from behind an antique cash register set atop a late-nineteenth-century dry goods counter, Greene is satisfied that here, as in Rye, his customers will find him. "Not too many antiques and flower shops are on the beaten track," he says. "It's just a matter of people getting to know you and letting them know you're here."

Objet d'Art, 2030 Commerce Boulevard, 913–0335. Mon.–Sat. 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Closed Sun.

The continuing evolution of Kerrytown

Found arrives and Kosmo expands

Kerrytown Market and Shops continues to redefine itself for a new generation of shoppers, with Kosmo Deli set to expand, a new home accents shop upstairs in the old Mudpuddles space, and management on the lookout for something to replace Kitchen Port, the longtime tenant that left Kerrytown for Ann Arbor's far west side last year. "We want to continue to create a synergy between our retailers and our market floor merchants and restaurants," Kerrytown's general manager, Karen Farmer, explains. "We're looking for more than a kitchen store, a store that is all-encompassing and complements all aspects of food, from cooking and wine tasting down to the best utensils or hard-to-find spices."

In early April, **Kosmopolitan Deli** owner Don Kwon was having plans drawn to expand his lunch counter into the adjoining **Kav's Kafe** space once owner Kav Lawie moves to Ireland this summer. Kwon wasn't yet entirely sure what form the new space would take, but he expects to follow the Kav's model, where customers order at the counter, take their seats, and have food brought to them—"sort of semi fast food," Kwon jokes. Construction will start in July, and when it's done, he expects that the change will double his seating, from fifteen to around thirty.

Almost directly above Kosmo, Mary Cambruzzi has turned her love of mixing vintage, antique, and contemporary home accents into **Found,** a new boutique conceived primarily as a showcase for art, crafts, and furniture made from recycled vintage objects. Cambruzzi's inventory includes tables and boxes surfaced with flattened retro pop-bottle caps; bracelets made from vintage coat buttons; new jewelry made by combining outdated pieces with funky objects like manual typewriter keys; "fork art" angels made from sterling silver flatware; and "Trashformations"—ingenious lightweight baskets and bracelets woven from strips of developed thirty-five-millimeter film.

Cambruzzi was a special education teacher in Plymouth before leaving to raise her children; her first entrepreneurial effort

was turning customers' photo albums into keepsake videos. She found it a good creative outlet, but she still felt isolated at home. Her mom runs an antique shop in central Illinois, and having spent holidays and visits helping her out, Cambruzzi felt comfortable enough to start finding and selling pieces of her own at Cambridge House Antiques in Lamp Post Plaza. There, she found the third career she'd been looking for. "I realized how much I enjoy interacting with people who collect old things," she said. "My customers are walking textbooks on different areas of collectibles—it's fascinating!"

When she turned fifty and her youngest child was a senior in high school, Cambruzzi decided to open a place of her own. She knew she wanted to combine old and new—that she didn't want her store to be in any way conventional. "This is not going to be a cluttered old antique shop!" she says firmly.

Found is anything but that. Blessed with plenty of natural light from an entire wall of south-facing windows and painted in a fresh pastel palette, the store is open and engaging, with gorgeous displays put together by in-house designer Kay Taft. In one corner, an antique glass cabinet houses drawers of jumbled treasures—antique door hardware, collectible salt and pepper shakers, color-matched vintage buttons. In another, a wonderful old pump organ forms the backdrop for framed and unframed vintage sheet music. Nearby, vintage baby plates and antique linens are accented by new candles and Just Ducky, a charming line of children's bath and body accents made from goat's milk. "I think people can get ideas here for how to display things, and how to put vintage and contemporary pieces together," Cambruzzi says.

For customers who need more inspiration than even the most creative display can provide, Cambruzzi is full of imaginative ideas. Pausing near some rustic twig furniture made by Ohio artists Rick and Denise Pratt, she points out that because the twigs have been colorfully painted, these pieces would make for a great up-north lodge look, or be equally at home in a whimsically designed kid's bedroom. As she shows a customer a box of nineteenth-century magazine pages, she imagines how an artist or graphic designer might reuse the illustrations. Cambruzzi's genuine affection for her store and its offerings is infectious. "Isn't this wonderful?" she says, holding up an intricate Czechoslovakian glass vase.

General manager Karen Farmer says Kerrytown is looking for "a store that is all-encompassing and complements all aspects of food, from cooking and wine tasting down to the best utensils or hard-to-find spices."

Found is packed with small treasures, but there are many larger items, too. Most of the display pieces, like the pump organ, are for sale, and Cambruzzi plans to feature industrial-age medical and dental furniture, vintage chests, tables, benches, chairs, and bookcases, as well as new furniture handcrafted by artisans like Mark Orr, whose works always include a hand-carved raven.

Cambruzzi is lyrically enthusiastic about the sorts of pieces she intends to scavenge and display: vintage bark cloth and textiles, Depression glass, nineteenth- and twentieth-century children's toys and nursery furniture, silk flowers, vintage pottery, Victorian die-cuts. She is also adamant about what Found won't sell: no mass-produced goods—art, crafts, or garden or home accessories—and no new toys. "I look for things that make me smile," she says, "things that make me happy to be around."

Found, 407 North Fourth Avenue (Kerrytown), 302–3060. Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m.

Changing places on Liberty

4 Seasons makes way for American Apparel

According to Dov Charney, the average American owns twenty-five T-shirts and wears about four to seven of them in regular rotation. If your own wardrobe falls somewhat short of that, the folks at Charney's newest **American Apparel** store, scheduled to open in Ann Arbor this summer, will doubtless be more than happy to help you keep up with the national average.

You might already have an American Apparel tee without even realizing it. The Los Angeles–based manufacturer is perhaps better known as a wholesaler than a retailer, with fewer than fifty stores worldwide. Among retailers and the young, hip crowd that make up its consumer demographic, American Apparel has made a name by being, as it describes itself, "sweatshop free": at a time when an estimated 96 percent of all clothing sold in the United States is imported, the company's entire line of casual clothing is cut and sewn in its downtown Los Angeles manufacturing facility by employees who earn $13 to $15 an hour plus a host of benefits, such as affordable health insurance, massage and yoga services, and language classes for non-English-speakers. With 3,000 employees and the capacity to produce a million T-shirts a week, American Apparel is now the nation's largest garment factory.

Charney has been into T-shirts since his teens, when he printed custom tees with a friend in Montreal. He is clearly in love with his product. In interview after inter-

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view, he extols the T-shirt's beauty and simplicity—the company's website even calls it "an icon of Western culture and freedom." To keep that American icon affordable for his customers while still paying his employees a living wage, Charney has had to be very creative. For years, he tried new T-shirts out on women who worked at the Playpen, an L.A. strip club near the factory, instead of using $100-an-hour fitting models. (Perhaps not coincidentally, the store's mannequins are considerably bustier than most.)

The other way to keep costs low is to keep the inventory simple. American Apparel sells long- and short-sleeve tees for men, women, and babies, as well as unstructured pants, collared shirts, underwear, and jackets, most in solid colors and available in 100 percent cotton, a poly-cotton blend, or organic cotton. A standard tee sells for around $15 to $25, depending on the model and fabric.

The Ann Arbor store will occupy the three adjoining storefronts that used to house Mast Shoes (now consolidated into one location at Westgate Shopping Center), Suwanee Springs (now on Main Street), and 4 Seasons Perfume, which has moved into the nearby space vacated by Kioti, also now on Main. After extensive renovations, the store is scheduled to open sometime this summer.

American Apparel, 617 East Liberty. Phone and hours unavailable at press time.

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4 Seasons Perfume owners Abraham Hejazi and Kassen Elsibai were only too happy to move two doors west on Liberty. The new space is brighter and wider, and has room for three mirrored dressing rooms (the old store had only one).

More room also means more inventory; Hejazi and Elsibai now stock additional lines like OnGossamer lingerie, Lilo shorts and camisoles, Cosabella swimwear, and Betsey Johnson bridal wear. "We get a lot of customers in the summer for weddings—strapless bras, honeymoon stuff, and lots of pure white," says Casey Baxter, one of the store's managers. "We also sell tons of our Hanky Panky lingerie line. We're always restocking the table."

At the perfume corner, where name brands sell at discount prices, new items include Gucci's Envy Me, Jennifer Lopez's Miami Glow, and, for men, Armani Black Code and Creed Millesime Imperial.

4 Seasons Perfume, 611 East Liberty, 913–4331. Mon.–Thurs. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m.

Briefly Noted

Evelyn Bray bought **Jules Furniture** from founder Julie Hallbach last November, but it was almost five months before she had a chance to let the general public know officially. "I took over just a few days before Thanksgiving, and I barely had time to even breathe," Bray laughs. "I'm just now finally feeling relaxed and confident that things aren't just going to go totally haywire."

This is Bray's first foray into the new-furniture business, but she's no stranger to retail. A graduate of EMU's unique program in architectural and interior design, Bray specialized in historic preservation, and she spent the last fourteen years working at Ypsilanti's Materials Unlimited, which sells fine antiques and also specializes in architectural salvage. Making the leap from old to new has had its challenges, but Bray says she's fortunate to be a quick study, and she's had the advantage of two longtime store managers to help her.

Bray isn't making any sweeping changes to the Main Street store—she's keeping the name, even though most customers seem convinced there's a male "Jules" in the background who is the store's real owner.

Bray isn't making any sweeping changes to the store—she's keeping the name, even though most customers seem convinced there's a male "Jules" in the background who is the store's real owner. She does plan to add occasional antique lighting fixtures to the inventory, courtesy of Materials Unlimited. In the wake of neighboring store Mezzanine's closing, she also plans to make Jules's lower level a showcase for pieces that are more contemporary than the fun, funky slipcovered pieces featured upstairs. She also plans to reopen Jules Interior Design, a separate studio on South Ashley, and has hired designer Suzanne Ross, formerly of Quinn's Essentials in Ypsilanti's Depot Town, to run it.

Jules will continue to showcase the store's two signature lines: Luna Bella lamps, mirrors, and cabinets, made by a husband-and-wife team from Florida; and its private-label slipcovered furniture, made in California. The soft, oversize couches, usually on display in the store's front window, are probably the store's best-known trademark; they attract almost as many weary shoppers looking to rest their feet as they do buyers. In fact, one rainy day in early May, half a dozen different men fell asleep on the store's window display, a particularly sumptuous red slipcovered sofa, while waiting for their wives to finish shopping. "I've started calling it 'the sleep-inducing couch,'" Bray laughs.

Jules Furniture, 306 South Main, 332–3408. Tues.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. & Mon. noon–5 p.m.

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Ribs at Roadhouse cause rioting

The corner of Jackson and Maple Road was the site of a never-before seen uproar as police were called in to calm the voracious crowd. Sources say that a relatively quiet spring evening turned mad when Chef Alex Young began serving the Roadhouse's now-famous ribs.

"I haven't seen anything like this since the Pistons finally won the NBA finals last year," said one Roadhouse customer. "I started eating my plateful of ribs and things went crazy. I actually had people coming up to me and taking the ribs from my plate. I didn't take too kindly to that."

Rib experts were consulted to explain what might have provoked such uncharacteristic behavior. They said it has to do with the fact that the ribs are made from Niman Ranch hogs, which are old free-ranging breeds that are celebrated in certain circles for their superior flavor. The ribs are seasoned with sea salt, Tellicherry black pepper and smoked Spanish paprika (pimenton de la vera), then spend 3 hours out on the pit over low temperature from the oak wood fire. They're then sealed into heavy roasting pans with a bit of cider vinegar then put into the oven to cook for a second three-hour period. Finally, they're taken from the oven without breaking the foil seal and then allowed to steam for another three hours. The result is some seriously tender, very flavorful pork. To serve them, Roadhouse chefs are said to heat them on the grill and dress them with homemade tomato barbecue sauce, a slightly spicy and sweet sauce made from plenty of Sierra Nevada beer, Maras red pepper from Turkey, Tellicherry black pepper, brewed coffee (Roadhouse Joe from Zingerman's Coffee Company, of course), Muscovado brown sugar, and some cayenne to spice it up a bit. It's rumored that Chef Alex has been working on this sauce for over 20 years.

Ribs-to-go! Visit the Roadhouse at 2501 Jackson Road, or order ahead at 734.663.FOOD.

"It's no wonder people were rioting over these ribs," exclaimed one witness. "They're wildly good!"

According to Roadhouse employees, what they have named "the rib debacle" could have been avoided had customers known that they could have called ahead and carried their ribs out. These same sources claim that buying Roadhouse ribs by the slab to reheat has become all the rage with the entertaining elite.

The Roadhouse is located at 2501 Jackson Road. Call 734.663.FOOD for info, or visit www.zingermansroadhouse.com.

Fathers love chocolate too

The journal of Chocolohics United recently announced that chocolate fever is not only relegated to the female gender. In fact, their study indicated that men, particularly fathers, were calmed by the endorphins released by eating a fine piece of chocolate. Sources indicate that some of the finest Father's Day Chocolates are made at Zingerman's Bakehouse, and can be sent to fathers everywhere. Truly devoted children can mail homemade candy bars—or bundle the Zzang Bar, the Prince Charlie, and the Wowza bar. They can also send a Hot Cocoa Cake or sign their pops up for the Brownie Club. Visit zingermans.com, or call 888.636.8162 for the scrumptious details. Or visit the Bakehouse and Deli in person.

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Local asparagus found to be hiding in deli sandwich

Some of the best asparagus in the world is said to be available at Zingerman's Deli this month. Grown on Maulbetsch Farms right outside of town, it's hand-picked by Zingerman's chef Rodger Bowser and his local produce posse. Bowser serves it roasted in the Deli case and on the Rodger's Big Picnic sandwich, which is made from oven-roasted asparagus, grilled marinated portabello mushrooms, Zingerman's raw-milk Vermont cheddar cheese and Dijon vinaigrette and served on grilled Bakehouse Farm Bread.

Just released: new gelato flavors at the creamery

The Creamery is serving brand new flavors for summer, sources say. When questioned, gelato-maker Josh Miner would only disclose one of his divine creations: Riso, or "rice," which is an authentic flavor that's very popular with Florentines and is said to taste like a very, very intense rice pudding. Stop by the Creamery at 3723 Plaza Drive for a taste, or come to a free tour the first Sunday of each month, at noon. Reserve your spot at 734.929.0500.

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Todd's Services, Inc.

Todd's Services, Inc., Michigan's largest residential landscaper celebrates its 27th season!

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Todd's Services Incorporated is now in their 27th year of business. Todd and Kurt LaButte attribute their success and longevity to the wonderful community, family and employees that have surrounded and supported them in their endeavor over the years. "For this, we are forever grateful. Thank you."

Last year TSI set another record in sales volume. This is incredibly amazing considering that the economy had not been the most robust. TSI does think, however, that in any economy, people appreciate the impeccable quality and customer service that TSI consistently offers.

Todd's offers programs to help consumers

TSI offers tools that are unique to the industry, including various financing programs, one which allows customers to receive up to 12 months same as cash with no interest or 7.9% for 48 months. TSI also offers a "MEET or BEAT" and "BEST DEAL PROGRAM". TSI has a reputation of being the best landscaping company in the community, however they also are considered a little expensive. With the introduction of these programs, the consumer has been given an opportunity to put aside that misconception. "It always amazes our customers when they actually compare the services from our competition and then from us. We beat our competitors 100% of the time; we guarantee that TSI will beat their quote. We find that we are your best deal by far, when comparing apples for apples, but what we find when a competitor beats our prices it is apples for oranges" says Todd. Lets face it, if TSI wasn't giving the public the best deal, they would not have set a record sales volume in 2004, which was probably the worst economy since TSI was established in 1979. If TSI can't beat their competitor's deal they will give you 10% of the TSI bid in cash. If that is not putting your money where your mouth is, I don't know what is.

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TSI still offers all of the services as in the past, including full color landscape designs, lawn installation, sodding, hydro-seeding, sprinkler systems, retaining walls, trees and shrubs, ponds, decks, brick pavers, stamped concrete, seawalls, water features, and a whole host of other services too numerous to mention. "If you can dream it, we can design and install it" says Kurt.

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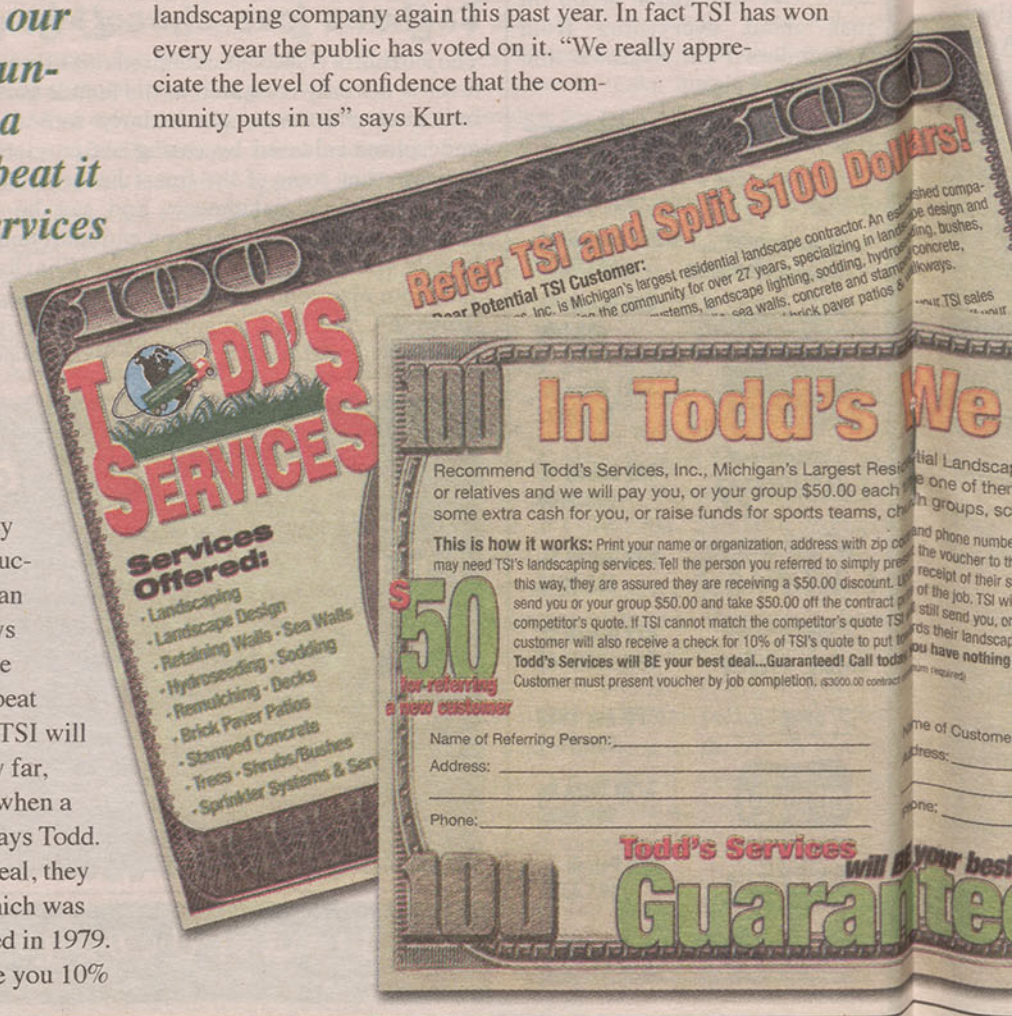
Todd's employees truly do make the difference

"TSI is fortunate again this year. We have been able to retain all of the terrific employees that have been with us for many seasons" says Todd. "We've expanded our professional sales design staff to handle the volume we have come to expect in a growing community, especially in light of the fact that we have a 24 to 48 hour turn around policy to service our customer's needs."

TSI is consistently successful; they were selected by the community to receive the "PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD" for best landscaping company again this past year. In fact TSI has won every year the public has voted on it. "We really appreciate the level of confidence that the community puts in us" says Kurt.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A tradition in landscaping now into a second generation

Repeat business and referrals are always welcome. "It is amazing with our longevity in the business, we are finding customers that have used TSI for all of their landscape needs and are now telling their grown children who are buying a home for the first time that you must use Todd's!!!"

Todd's builder program is off to a fast start

The latest major trend is what TSI refers to as their "BUILDER PROGRAM". The inclusion of the lawn and sprinkler system in the base price of the home is becoming increasingly popular. TSI offers builders the opportunity to sell more homes and control the quality look of their developments by including the lawn and system in the base price of the home. TSI will even install the entire landscape package on builder's spec homes. The best part about this program is the builder does not have to pay for the services until the closing takes place. This is a great selling feature, the builder receives special pricing from TSI, not to be undersold by their competitors and not received by the general public. The builder's clients also receive a free "Turf Establishment Program" (four fertilizing applications) and a free full color landscape design rendering from a TSI design professional. By meeting with TSI early it also allows the customer to include their landscape into their mortgage if they choose. Why would a homeowner want to shell out cash after the closing for something that is absolutely required? You wouldn't pay for your electrical or plumbing after the closing, it would be in the base price of the home. It's part of the process, just like the lawn and sprinkler system should be. When these services are built into the mortgage, the typical lawn and sprinkler system increases the payment by about $19.00 per month. Builders and Realtors, call TSI to find out more information about this program.

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Potential homeowners looking to purchase a home can call TSI for a list of builders that include the lawn and sprinkler system installed by Todd's Services in the base price of the home.

Community "Cash-Back" Reward Program

TSI is known for giving back to the community, numerous times in the past they have donated landscaping etc… to various entities. TSI has now expanded on this concept to include subdivisions, churches, schools and any other type of organization that could benefit from a reward program. When homeowners or members of organizations hire TSI for any of their services, TSI will donate three (3%) percent of the total project back to the association or organization. They have a choice, they can receive it in services or in the form of a check to use as they see fit. "We feel strongly that the community has supported us and we want to return the favor" says Kurt. "This could add up very quickly" says Todd, "for example, if an organization does $100,000 in total sales with TSI, that's $3,000 in services or cash back to the organization. A frequently asked question" says Todd, is "doesn't TSI just add the 3% onto the total price of the job? The answer, absolutely not!!! The 3% comes out of our profit. In fact, one thing that will not change is TSI's competitive pricing, we guarantee to beat our competitors bid, even when we are giving a donation back". TSI will be the best deal for your subdivision association or organizations landscaping needs hands down, not only in services, but also in price. Call for details and to get your organization signed up to receive 3% back.

Landscaping Renovation is the latest trend

There is a growing trend in our area, many homeowners are choosing to stay in their homes and make major updates and renovations instead of relocating. "Considering the fact that TSI has been in business 27 years, we are finding that a lot of our previous customers are ready to redesign and redo their original landscape project" says Todd. "We are just the company for that. We will redesign your existing landscape at no cost to you, even if you did not hire us on its original installation. Our promise not to be undersold still applies. Obtain a bid from a competitor and TSI will meet or beat it 100% of the time. If we can't beat our competition, yes you guessed it, we will give 10% of our bid to you in cash. It's that simple".

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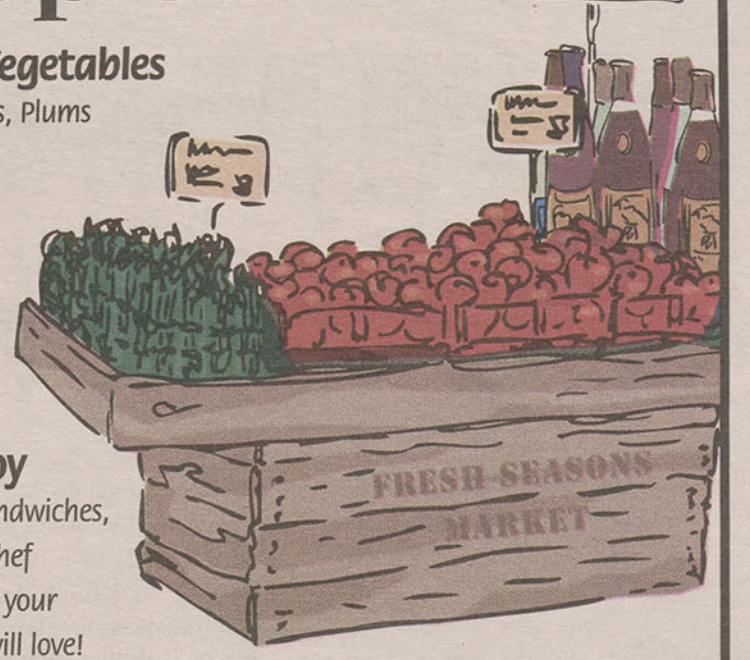

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Miami-based clothier **Cool Waves** has opened a store on South University, in the space on the ground floor of University Towers where the Quality General Store used to be. Founded by Argentina native Gaston Garcia, Cool Waves specializes in hot club-scene clothing, the kind of stuff you might find in L.A., New York, or Miami's South Beach. The store offers Brazil-

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ian jeans, special-occasion dresses like a bright red haltered number that just tickles the tops of the thighs, European imports, and designer sunglasses from Dior, Armani, Gucci, and Oakley.

This is Michigan's fifth Cool Waves store; two others are in Traverse City, and there's one each in Auburn Hills (Great Lakes Crossing) and Dearborn (Fairlane Town Center). There used to be stores in Charlevoix and East Lansing, but neither shop fared well. "Charlevoix wasn't the right crowd for Gaston," says Melanie Gideon, who manages the Ann Arbor store, "and the store in East Lansing was just too big—like a city block. He's definitely figured out how to do it now, to do a smaller store with very personal, very close attention to customers."

Gideon was getting lots of attention during a phone interview in early April, when an unseasonal hailstorm sent dozens of passersby scurrying into the store for cover. "Hey, I've been to one of these before," yelled one of them audibly in the background. "I'm totally excited this one is here!"

Cool Waves, 1203 South University, 996–5930. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Briarwood is adding a pair of small, locally owned businesses. Near Marshall Field's, Yousuf Rasul has opened **Rasul's,** a boutique featuring handmade embroidered shirts, gauzy skirts, slippers, jewelry, handbags, and scarves from his native India.

Outside Victoria's Secret, Rita Ribeiro, who runs BrazAmerica grocery, salad bar, and gift shop at South Main Market, is opening a **BrazAmerica** kiosk, where she plans to sell Brazilian and other imported

souvenirs and offer travel services as well as money transfers. The kiosk is the first step in Ribeiro's plan to expand the BrazAmerica concept; she hopes it will eventually embrace a language school and a Brazilian steak house.

Rasul's, Briarwood, 769–7465. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

In the Works

Pottery Barn has been lauded for bringing style and distinction to midprice, casual furniture; lambasted for its "buy a lamp, get a lifestyle" marketing; and immortalized on NBC's late hit sitcom, *Friends*, in what must have been one of the biggest product-placement deals of the last decade. In the episode, Rachel and Ross separately buy the same apothecary table from Pottery Barn and then must try to convince Phoebe, who deplores mass-market furniture, that they have separately stumbled across genuine antiques that just happen to be identical. The denouement has Phoebe discovering the truth in front of a display window—and rushing into the store to buy a matching lamp.

Against that cultural backdrop, Ann Arbor gets its first Pottery Barn this fall when the chain, a subsidiary of Williams-Sonoma, opens a 15,000-square-foot store at Briarwood. The store, which specializes in earth-tone lamps, rugs, window treatments, and upholstered furniture, will take over the space last occupied by the Disney Store and the adjoining space currently occupied by **Goldsmith, Ltd.** (the jeweler will move to a spot near Marshall Field's this summer).

Gelato di Roma, which opened its first gelato cafe in Royal Oak in 2002, is opening an Ann Arbor location on Fourth Avenue. It's two doors north of the People's Food Co-op and right next to the soon-to-open Smoothie King. Gelato has about half the fat of premium ice cream and no preservatives; rather than being whipped with air, as ice cream is, gelato is blended, for a silky-smooth texture and intense flavor.

Also under construction: **Silvio's Organic Pizza,** on North University next to Sushi.come.

Closings

With nutrition experts declaring the low-carb diet craze a thing of the past as long ago as last Christmas, it isn't surprising that Ann Arbor's **LoCarb Center** has closed. What's amazing is that it lasted as long as it did. Founded by brothers Joe, Mike, and Nick Spadafore in late 2003 on South State, the store enjoyed an initial honeymoon period of robust sales followed by a sharp decline; the Spadafores moved to a smaller space on North Main Street in December 2004 in an effort to save a little money on the rent. Within a few months, the new store's windows were plastered with 60 Percent Off sale signs, and by April, the phone had been disconnected.

Also closed: **Curry Bites** on South State Street; north-side eatery **Demeter** (replaced by cellular phone franchise Wireless Giant); and West Stadium Shopping Center's **Stadium Pharmacy,** pharmacist Xavier Tato's attempt to take on the big drugstore chains.

—Laura McReynolds

Follow-Up

Ten years ago this month, the Changes column had five new businesses to tell you about. **Bruegger's Bagel Bakery** had opened on North University in the former location of the revered Drake's Sandwich Shop, and Jeff and Julie Litchard's **Party Central** on Washtenaw was new (it moved to South Industrial Boulevard in 2002). Both have hung on for the decade. But **Not Another Cafe,** at South U and Forest, barely lasted a year. **McDonald's Express** is gone from inside the Carpenter Road Meijer, but there's a freestanding McDonald's just across Meijer's parking lot. And the **House of Blinds** in Cranbrook Center closed just last year (although the Southfield House of Blinds has kept an Ann Arbor telephone number).

June 1995 survival rate: 40 percent

Five years ago this month, we noted four arrivals on the retail and restaurant scene. **Sanford's Market** on Ann Arbor–Saline Road was a convenience store with a large and varied inventory—and it still is, although it turned first into Baxter's of Lodi and most recently, in late 2003, to **Tippins,** under new owners Mike Johns and John Pearson. Larry Marcus's home automation and entertainment shop, **Paragon Sight & Sound,** and Toula and Sotirios Georgakas's upscale knob-and-latch-and-more store, **Expressions in Hardware,** are still thriving on Ann Arbor–Saline Road. Also still in business: **HomeGoods** in the old Best Products building on Carpenter Road.

June 2000 survival rate: 100 percent

One year ago this month, Marketplace Changes found five new businesses. The **Espresso Royale Caffe** on Carpenter Road lasted its first year, **Noodles & Company** on South State still serves an international variety of pasta dishes, and Nasser Derneika's restaurant **King of Queens,** with its evocations of both New York City and Hawaii, is still open at South University and Forest. Also surviving is **Helzberg Diamonds** at Briarwood. **Monster Sub** at Maple and Liberty, however, has closed.

June 2004 survival rate: 80 percent

—Paul R. Schwankl

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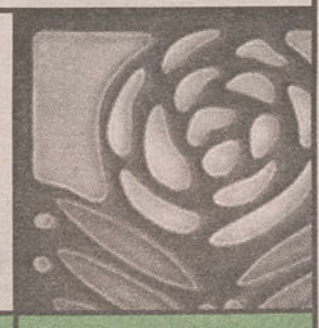

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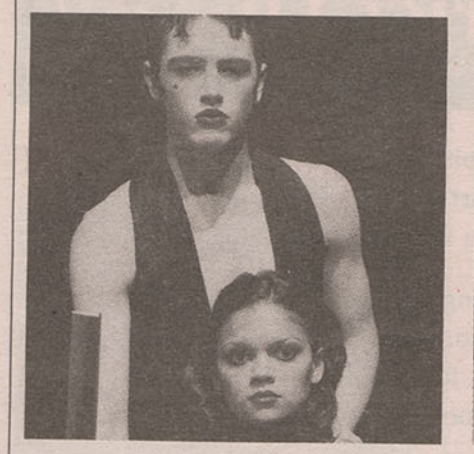

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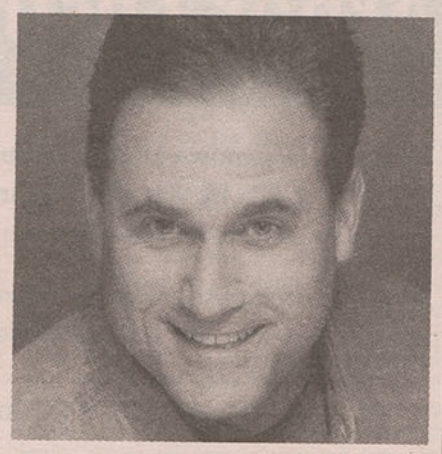

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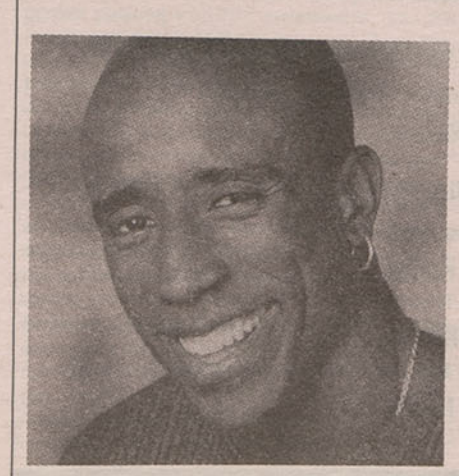

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1 WEDNESDAY

★"Improv for Fun": Jewish Community Center. All seniors invited to join Empatheater artistic director Sara Schreiber for a stimulating session of improvisational theater. *10:30 a.m.–noon, JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★Wednesday Storytime: Arborland Borders. *June 1 & 22.* A Borders staffer reads stories and leads a craft project for toddlers. Also, a raffle today. Today's topic: **sports,** with Margaret Rey's *Curious George Plays Baseball* and Jonathan London's *Froggy Plays Soccer.* Also this month: stories about **summer,** with Lauren Thompson's *Mouse's First Summer* (June 22). *11 a.m., Borders computer section, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 449–9394.*

15th Annual "Tables and Tea": Ann Arbor Women's City Club. Local amateurs and professionals display their creative table settings. This year's show includes settings on the themes of "For the Birds," "Tropical Paradise," "A Paris Wedding," and "Breakfast in Brazil." Tea and light refreshments served; lunch ($6–$13) available, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Children 7 & under not admitted. *11 a.m.–6 p.m. Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Tickets $10 at the door. 665–7449.*

★"Music in the Park": Herb David Guitar Studio. *Every Monday–Saturday.* Musical entertainment by a variety of local performers. Today's schedule TBA. *Noon–2 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.) & noon–5 p.m. (Sat.), Liberty Plaza, E. Liberty at S. Division. Free. 665–8001.*

★Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops. *Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.* All invited to play one of 40 songs, with melodies transcribed in numbers, on the 17-bell tower's numbered keys. Ambitious players can add chords. Local chimemaster Heather O'Neal demonstrates. *Noon, Kerrytown. Free. 662–5008.*

Wednesday Cooking Sessions: Kitchen Port. *June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.* Cooking sessions led by local chefs and cooks. Today: M Fit representatives make **salads** that include beets, orzo, roasted asparagus, black beans, and other tidbits. Also this month: local herbalist Mary Light offers **raw food cuisine** dishes that include sunflower sprout pate, almond falafel, and zucchini hummus (June 8), D'Amato's chef Nathan Giroux examines the subject of **fish** (June 15), local chef Bill Wallow whips up homemade **pizza** (June 22), and local caterer Jyoti Athanikar prepares **tandoori chicken, rice pilaf,** and **yogurt & spinach** (June 29). *Noon–1 p.m., Kitchen Port, 283 Zeeb. $7. Preregistration recommended. 665–9188.*

★"Art Videos": U-M Museum of Art. *Every Wednesday.* This month's videos examine 20th-century artists, in conjunction with the current exhibit *Pop!* Today: ***Jasper Johns: Ideas in Print*** examines Johns's life and career. Also this month: a portrait of ***Roy Lichtenstein*** (June 8), ***Robert Rauschenberg: Inventive Genius*** shows the artist's inventive "combines" (June 15), and ***Painters Painting: Part 1*** (June 22) and ***Part 2*** (June 29) documents the New York art scene from 1940 to 1970. *12:10 p.m., UMMA audiovisual room, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.*

★Chess: U-M Turner Geriatrics Center. *Every Wednesday.* All seniors invited to play chess. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★"Judo, Jujitsu, & Self-Defense": A.C.E. Academy of Martial Arts. *Every Monday through Thursday except Memorial Day.* Local sensei Dan Powers offers a fun, easy introduction to these martial arts and self-defense skills. Wear a *gi* (simple white robe) or loose-fitting or gym clothes. *4 p.m. (kids) & 6 p.m. (adults), A.C.E. Academy of Martial Arts, 749 Airport Blvd., suite 3. Free. 645–7069.*

★Richard McMullen: U-M Clements Library. This retired Pioneer High School English teacher, Milan's official poet laureate, reads from his recently published ***Not Only Love: New & Collected Poems, 1975–2003,*** a volume of poems about life in his native Milan, including many poems about McMullen's memories of growing up in Milan during the Depression. Local poet Keith Taylor calls these poems "a clear-sighted homage to an American village . . . as crisp and clean as vegetables recently harvested from a Michigan garden." The one-hour reading and signing is followed by a reception. *4–6 p.m., Clements Library, 909 S. University. Free. 764–2347.*

★Scrabble: The Firefly Club. All invited to join Firefly owner Susan Chastain and other local Scrabble enthusiasts to play this popular word game. Bring a board and tiles, if you have them. *5–8 p.m., Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley. Free. 665–9090.*

Ice Cream Social: Abbot Elementary School. A range of carnival games and treats. *5:30–8 p.m., Abbot School, 2670 Sequoia. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1901.*

★"West Side Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Wednesday.* Slow/moderate-paced ride, 22–25 miles, and a slow-paced ride, 12–17 miles, to the Dexter Dairy Queen and back. Now in its 28th year, this ride is a favorite with newcomers and casual riders. *6 p.m. sharp, meet at Sweepster parking lot, 2800 N. Zeeb Rd. Free. 426–5116 (longer ride), 665–4552 & 761–2659 (shorter ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★Ann Arbor Toastmasters Club. *Every Wednesday.* Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. *Note:* Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Monday & Thursday (see listings). *6:15–7:45 p.m., 102 Krieger Hall, Concordia University, 4090 Geddes. Free to visitors. Dues: $24 semiannually. 995–7351.*

Ice Cream Social: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. Carnival games highlighted by a ring toss. Also, low-cost raffle tickets for a chance to win a donated 2005 red Mustang. *6:30–8 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School parking lot, 2270 E. Stadium. Admission free; low-cost tickets for games. 769–2550.*

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. *Every Wednesday.* Each 2-person team plays 2 or 3 hands against a dozen or so other pairs during the evening. Players at all levels welcome. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early to arrange for one. *7–11 p.m., Walden Hills Clubhouse, 2114 Pauline at Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) $3 per person. 971–7530.*

★Huron Valley Model Builders. All invited to join a show-and-tell discussion. Bring your models built from scratch or from kits, including cars, tanks, boats, airplanes, spacecraft, figures, and more. *7 p.m., Lakeview Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 9910 Ger-*

June 2005 EVENTS @ Ann Arbor District Library

Thursday June **2**
Downtown Library Exhibit through Tuesday, July 5:
Zelda By Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room & 3rd Floor Exhibit Space

Tuesday June **7**
1:30 - 4:30 pm
***PictureAnnArbor* Scanning Session:** Share your Ann Arbor area photos with the world. **Additional sessions:** Wed., June 22, 5:30 - 8:30 pm & Thurs., June 30, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Downtown Library 3rd floor aadlfreespace

Wednesday June **8**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Lecture: UM Assistant Professor **Joshua L. Miller** discusses **The Turbulent Life of Zelda Fitzgerald**
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Friday June **10**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Lecture: Professor of Management **Stuart Hart** of Cornell University discusses his new book ***Capitalism at the Crossroads: The Unlimited Business Opportunities in Solving the World's Most Difficult Problems***
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday June **14**
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Concert: Jazz pianist **James Dapogny** & vocalist/Firefly Club owner **Susan Chastain** perform popular jazz from the Zelda Fitzgerald era • Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday June **16**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Film: American Masters documentary ***F. Scott Fitzgerald: Winter Dreams*** **(Not Rated)**
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Friday June **17**
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Art Reception: Group of Four: Ann Arbor Women Artists 2005 Best of Show Winners • Malletts Creek Branch

Monday June **20**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Storyteller Workshop for Age 15 & Up with **Will Power: Storytelling in a Community Context**
Registration limited: 327.4560 • Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday June **21**
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Summer Reading Kick-Off @ The Ark • Drummer **Lori Fithian** invites YOU to participate in a Giant Drumming Orchestra • 316 S. Main, Downtown Ann Arbor

Wednesday June **22**
10:00 - 11:00 am
Summer Reading Kick-Off @ The Library with musician **Billy Jonas** • **Repeated:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday June **22**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Panel Discussion: Woman, Art and the Creative Spirit featuring artists from the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday June **23**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Cover to Cover Book Discussion: *The Great Gatsby* with teacher **Jim Dwyer** • **Registration required: 327.4560**
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday June **25**
noon - 5:00 pm
Teens! Act Out on the Radio: Perform a play on *WCBN-FM*
GRADES 6-12 • Registration required: 327.8301
Downtown Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday June **28**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Author Reading & Booksigning: 1960s anti-war activist **Pun Plamondon** discusses the memoir of his tumultuous life
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raldine, Ypsilanti Twp. (take I-94 to Huron St. exit and head south, turn left on Textile, turn right on Bunton). Free. 481–1044.

★**"Technology and the Human Life Cycle": EMU College of Technology 24th Annual Spring Lecture Series.** *Every Wednesday, May 11–June 22.* A series of 1-hour lectures followed by open discussion. Tonight: Washtenaw County information technology director David Behan discusses **"Technology and Teenage Life."** Also this month: Fachhochschule Karlsruhe (Germany) Media Center director Peter Henning discusses **"Overload: The Effect of Media Hype on the Adult Mind"** (June 8), NewStep Corporation CEO Steven Sarns discusses **"Seniors and Fitness Technology"** (June 15), and Stephen Nightingale, a public health expert who invented part of the so-called AIDS cocktail, discusses **"Science Technology and Aging"** (June 22). *7–10 p.m., EMU Eaglecrest Conference Center (next to the Marriott on the Lake), 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–1161.*

★**Richard McCann: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This American University creative writing program director reads from ***Mother of Sorrows,*** his new collection of interwoven stories narrated, in richly evocative prose, by a man looking back on his adolescence in post-WW II suburban Washington, D.C., with his brother and his beautiful and complicated mother. Signing, refreshments. *7 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**Meditation: Karma Thegsum Choling.** *Every Wednesday.* All invited to join an hour of meditation in the Karma Kargyu tradition. Instruction for beginning meditators available at 7 p.m. by appointment. *7:30–8:30 p.m., KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761–7495, 678–7549.*

Dream Group. *Every Monday & Wednesday (tentatively).* All invited to join veteran local social worker Rebecca Mullen to discuss waking dreams and the symbolism of sleeping dreams. *7:30 p.m., location TBA. Donation. 662–5925.*

★**Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club.** All invited to check out the trains whizzing around on the club's big, elaborate layout, housed in a depot restored by the club. *7:30–10 p.m., Michigan Central depot, 3487 Broad St., Dexter. Free. 426–5100.*

★**Shamanic Journeys: Magical Education Council.** *Every Wednesday.* Using special postures, participants enter a meditative state to the beat of a shaman's drum and discuss their experiences afterward. *7:30 p.m., Inter-Cooperative Council Education Center, 1522 Hill (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 665–3522.*

★**Children's Storytime: Barnes & Noble.** *Every Wednesday.* Storytelling programs and craft activities for kids ages 5–8 (Wednesdays) and 2–5 (Thursdays). *7:30 p.m. (Wed.) & 11 a.m. (Thurs.), Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**Romance Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of ***Stone Heart,*** Luanne Rice's novel about an archaeologist who leaves her husband and returns home to a seacoast town in Connecticut, where she discovers that her sister's outwardly ideal family is torn by abuse. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"Dispatches: The Killing Zone": Ann Arbor Middle East Film Society.** Screening of this 2003 documentary about 2 reporters who go into Gaza to document the daily life of Palestinians under siege. Followed by discussion. *7:30 p.m., U-M Natural Sciences Dana Auditorium, 830 North University. Free. 668–1358.*

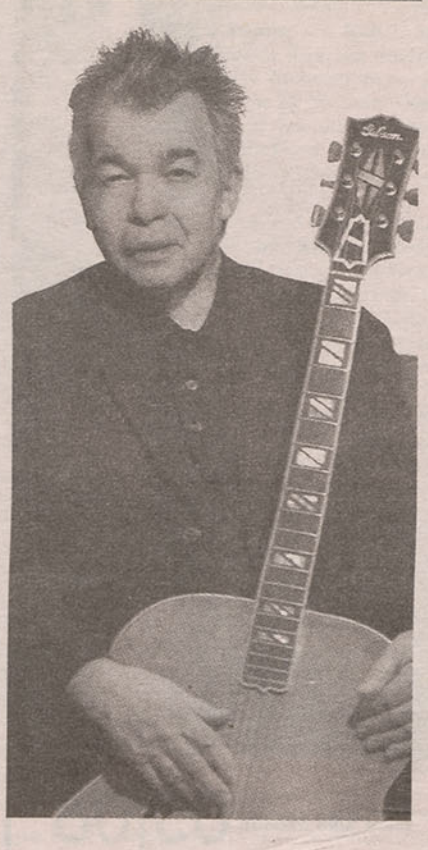
★**"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** *Every Wednesday.* All invited to discuss one of Rudolf Steiner's basic anthroposophical books, *The Secret Stream. 8–9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes. Free. 485–3764.*

Down the Line: The Ark. Soul-inflected acoustic country-rock quartet from Chicago that features bluegrass instrumentation, original songs with rock 'n' roll attitude, and Crosby, Stills & Nash-style vocal harmonies, along with an engaging sense of fun. Opening act is **Tally Hall,** an acclaimed U-M student pop-rock quintet whose music draws on a wide range of influences from Bach and the Beatles to Motown and Eminem. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $11 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone call 763-TKTS.*

"Bus Stop": Purple Rose Theater Company. *Every Wednesday–Sunday, April 7–June 4.* Guy Sanville directs local actors in William Inge's classic drama about a hothead cowboy who falls for and kidnaps a faded nightclub singer. When they get trapped in a diner during a snowstorm, tensions rise between the uneasy duo and an alcoholic professor, the cowboy's

singer-songwriters

John Prine
Sight unseen



The last time I saw John Prine was . . . well, let's see. He's been some kind of soundtrack throughout a whole lot of my life. I've sung his songs, played his songs, put my kids to sleep with his songs, cooked dinner to his songs, and decorated my Christmas tree to his songs. My car radio is no stranger to John Prine. And yet, I don't think I've ever actually *seen* John Prine. Which raises the question: Does John Prine even truly exist?

He does. And I have his new CD, *Fair & Square* (Oh Boy Records, 2005), in my hand (well, the case is in my hand; the CD itself is playing itself silly across the room) to prove it. And it's packed full of new (and not particularly new) songs that attest quite handily to the existence of John Prine. I mean, who else could describe what you find when you open up mean people:

A few frozen pizzas
Some ice cubes with hair
A broken Popsicle
You don't want to go there. . . .

So, that settled, I can tell you how wonderful this album is. Simple, folky chords, simple, plainspoken, hard-lived, suntanned language stung with Prine's wry, wise observations. He's a guy half listening to his wife's harping, or recounting the sweet perfection of his hometown. He sings, or kind of sings, or just talks, and it all sounds good and important, like advice.

Three cuts here are cowritten with Pat McLaughlin, a songwriter I actually have seen, once, late one night in Nashville, prowling the stage like a lion on acid. I think I have every Pat McLaughlin album ever released, possibly multiple copies. My husband and I have spent many hours (yes, while driving) trying to figure out why we like him so much, and how lyrics that seemed so "tossed off" can pack such a punch. I'd had only a vague awareness that McLaughlin had cowritten some of his brilliantly bizarre rock tunes with Prine, so it was a bit of a thrill to find three of my favorites delivered up here. They're calmer with Prine driving the bus, but just as great. My favorite is "Morning Train"—at once sexy and inscrutable:

Constantinople
Is one big, long word.
Got three more letters
Than "mockingbird"—
You put me on a morning train. . . .

So no, I've never seen John Prine, and unless someone has an extra ticket for me, I probably won't get to see him when he comes to the Michigan Theater on Friday, June 3, 'cause the last time he came to town, the show sold out way in advance.

But that's okay. Me and John, we go way back.

—Kate Conner-Ruben

soft-spoken buddy, and some locals. *8 p.m., Garage Theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $22.50 (Wed., Thurs., & Sun. eves.), $27.50 (Sat. & Sun. matinees), & $32.50 (Fri. & Sat. eves.). 433–ROSE.*

"The Ladies Show": Improv Inferno. *Every Wednesday.* Improv comedy by the female cast members at this new improv club founded by former Second City member Dan Izzo. "*The Ladies Show* is not a show just for women," an organizer notes. "No women's issues are explored. No one comes to terms with their bodies or themselves." Alcohol is served. *8 & 10 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. $5. 214–7080.*

Wolf Eyes: The Blind Pig. Industrial-noise-electronica trio from Detroit led by singer-songwriter Aaron Dilloway. "Placed on the evolutionary charts, *Burned Mind* appears as the progeny of Throbbing Gristle's *Heathen Earth* sound model. But the complex of muscularity and emotional range found in Wolf Eyes' new sound model has rendered its apparent ancestry slow, clumsy, and rather limited in comparison," says Justin Farrar in his review of the band's new CD. Opening acts are 3 local noise-rock bands, **Red Wizard, Sick Llama,** and **Cutless & Kjeld.** *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Look at Me" (Agnes Jaoui, 2004). *June 1 & 2.* Portrait of the dysfunctional family of a self-absorbed French celebrity, his trophy wife, and their overweight daughter that examines the ways in which people no longer communicate. French, subtitles. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

2 THURSDAY

★"Jackson County Brunch Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Thursday.* Moderate-paced ride, 25–30 miles, along the less traveled roads of scenic Jackson County. *9 a.m., meet at Cavanaugh Lake Park, Cavanaugh Lake Rd., Waterloo Recreation Area. Free. 994–5908 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★Thursday Lunch Bunch: Jewish Community Center. *Every Thursday.* A weekly program of activities primarily for seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. with **"Fitness Fun,"** a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. At 11 a.m., an educational or cultural presentation. Today: **intergenerational garden planting** with JCC preschoolers. Also this month: Selo-Shevel Galleries co-owner Elaine Selo offers **"A View from the Gallery"** (June 9), U-M English professors Sara Blair and Jonathan Friedman discuss the ***Jewish in America*** anthology they coedited (June 16), local orthopedic physician Fred Hankin hosts a Q&A session on **"Orthopedic Surgery"** (June 23), and Beth Israel Congregation program director Geoff Berdy presents **"A Celebration of Jewish Showbiz"** (June 30). Also, at noon, a homemade dairy lunch ($3 with reservation, $4 without reservation and for nonseniors). Also, a **Current Events** discussion group (1 p.m. except June 2) and a meeting of the **Senior Literary Group** (2:15–3:15 p.m.), a book discussion group led by U-M Dearborn English professor emeritus Sidney Warschausky. On June 2, the 1 p.m. program features a showing of a film from the **Gelman Jewish Video Collection.** All invited. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★Factory Tours: Motawi Tileworks. *Every Thursday.* A Motawi artist leads a guided tour of every stage of tile-making. Attendees can watch artists at work and see Motawi's big mural under construction and its new 12" tile. Afterward, a chance to sift through and purchase tiles from the overrun area. *11 a.m. & 2 p.m., Motawi, 170 Enterprise Dr. (north of Jackson Rd. between Staebler & Baker). Free. 213–0017.*

ACBL Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Thursday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. *Noon–4 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $4 (nonresidents, $5). 769–5911.*

★Gifts of Art: U-M Hospitals. *Every Thursday.* Performances by area and guest artists. Today: rhythm and blues by **The Bluescasters.** Also this month: jazz by veteran area saxophonist Mark Hershberger's **Global Jazz Trio** (June 9), jazz standards by **The Dave Sharp Trio** (June 16), Chicago folk singer **Tricia Alexander** (June 23), and Cuban jazz by local saxophonist and flutist Paul VornHagen's newest ensemble, **Tumbao** (June 30). *12:10 p.m., U-M Hospital courtyard, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936–ARTS.*

★Kouk-Sun-Do: U-M Turner Geriatrics Center. *Every Thursday.* All seniors invited to try this traditional Korean exercise, a blend of lower abdominal breathing with special posture to maintain health, prevent disease, and improve emotional status. Refreshments. *3–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★"Chelsea Family Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Thursday.* Slow/moderate-paced ride, 20–30 miles, to either Dexter or the Waterloo Recreation Area. *6 p.m., meet at the north side of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness, 1178 S. Main, Chelsea. Free. (517) 851–8323 & (517) 285–6830 (today's ride), 994–0044 (general information).*

★"Depot Town Cruise Night": Tucker's Cafe/Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection. *Every Thursday through September 19.* Dancing in the street to 50s music played by DJ Danny Wilson. Also, displays of several dozen classic, antique, and restored automobiles by various area car clubs and individuals. Raffle. *6–9 p.m., Cross St., Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Free. 482–5200.*

★"Women Running Fit": Two Dogs Running. *Every Thursday.* All women invited to run a different course, 2–6 miles, each week. Directed by a certified running coach. Maps provided. Runners who accumulate 50 miles receive a "Damsel 'n d' Street" T-shirt from Running Fit. Men also invited to run. Also, occasional postrun pizza outings. *6:30 p.m. (sign up at 6:15 p.m.), Running Fit, 123 E. Liberty. Free (men, $1). 657–0214.*

★Ann Arbor FrontRunners. *Every Tuesday & Thursday.* Gay, lesbian, and straight runners invited to choose a distance of 3–5 miles to run with FrontRunners members. *6:30 p.m., meet at Furstenberg Park. Free. 741–1763.*

★"Cross Town Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Thursday.* Fast/moderate-paced 24-mile ride on dirt roads toward Chelsea and back. Cyclocross, mountain, or wide-tire touring bike recommended. *6:30 p.m., meet at 5960 Rollingwood Dr. (from Zeeb Rd. south of Jackson, west on Park to Cedar Ridge to Rollingwood). Free. (734) 395–0435 (today's ride), 994–0044 (general information).*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. *June 2–5, 9–12, & 16–19.* U-M Residential College drama lecturer Kate Mendeloff directs students and local actors in a revival of its alfresco production that wafts from spot to spot within the Arb to create the different scenes of Shakespeare's delightful comic fantasy, set in an enchanted forest, about a jealous tiff between the king and queen of the fairies, and the mortals snared in their mischief. The RC's annual Shakespeare in the Arb productions have become a hugely popular local summer tradition. Director Mendeloff takes special care to make the shifting Arb environments an active force in the performance. Bring a blanket or portable chair to sit on; dress for the weather. *6:30 p.m., meet at the Peony Garden next to Reader Center at 1610 Washington Heights. $15 (students & Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum, $10; kids under 5, free) at the gate only. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. Space limited; come early. 998–9540.*

★"Ann Arbor Thursday Evening Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Thursday.* Fast/moderate-paced ride, 25 miles or more, around the northeast edge of town that includes some good chances to improve your climbing skills. *6:45 p.m., meet at the Fuller Pool parking lot, Fuller Rd. Free. 996–9122 (today's ride), 994–0044 (general information).*

★Washtenaw Toastmasters. *Every Thursday.* Members develop public-speaking skills and self-confidence in a supportive environment. Different Toastmasters chapters meet Mondays and Wednesdays (see listings). *7–9 p.m., 4205 Washtenaw. Free to visitors. Dues: $52 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of $16). 572–9978.*

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★**Chanting and Meditation: Siddha Yoga Meditation Center of Ann Arbor.** *Every Thursday.* All invited for chanting and meditation led by **Swami Dharmananda,** a visiting Siddha Yoga monk. *7–8:30 p.m., Siddha Yoga, 280 Arbor Atrium, 315 W. Huron. Free. 665–1873.*

ACBL Bridge: Women's City Club. *Every Sunday & Thursday.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. *7 p.m. (Thurs.) & 1:30 p.m. (Sun.), Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. $5. 973–7770 (Sun. game), 761–6691 (Thurs. game).*

"Circles of Prophecy": Crystal Clear Expressions. Psychic Nanci Rose Gerler channels empowering spiritual messages from various masters, guides, and angels. *7–9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore meeting room, 114 S. Main. $20. Reservations requested. 996–8799.*

★**Ann Arbor Smocking Group.** Informal "sit 'n' stitch" gathering for those interested in the English art of embroidery known as smocking and in heirloom sewing. All invited. *7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663–7867.*

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. *Every Thursday.* Instruction for intermediate-level dancers in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-soled shoes recommended. Refreshments. *7:30–9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver (off Nixon). $4. 769–4324, 426–0241.*

★**Weekly Meeting: U-M Sailing Club.** All invited to meet members of this local sailing club and hear a talk by club members. Today: **"Basic Sailing 103."** Also this month: Stefanie Schumacher on **"First Aid for Sailors"** (June 9), Reiner Witte with **"Knots Night"** (June 16), Ron Hoodin on **"Capsize!"** (June 23), and Zoran Filipi on **"M.O.B.!"** (June 30). *7:45 p.m., sailing club clubhouse, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd. Free. 426–4299.*

★**Renaissance Dances: Bedlam.** *Every Thursday.* Beginning to experienced dancers invited to try English country dances, 15th- and 16th-century Italian dances, bransles, pavanes, almans, and more. Instruction provided. Wear comfy clothes and shoes. *8–11 p.m., U-M Diag. Free. 971–1809.*

Stewart Francke: The Ark. Thoughtful, well-crafted contemporary folk-rock songs by this veteran Detroit singer-songwriter, who was named Outstanding Pop Act at the 2002 Detroit Music Awards. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Morning's at Seven": Redbud Productions. *June 2–5.* Cassie Mann directs Paul Osborn's gentle comedy about family life in small-town 1930s America. Four sisters, 3 of them married, live out their lives next to each other in a small midwestern town. Beneath this placid surface, tension surrounds some family problems, including one sister's husband's "spells," another's husband's rigid rules, the incipient visit of one sister's son with his new fiancee, and a noisy live-in spinster sister who holds a household hostage with a decades-old secret. *8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $16 (students & seniors, $12) in advance and at the door. 663–7167.*

"Bus Stop": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm Night": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Every Thursday.* Performances by aspiring stand-up comics and by established area pros coming out to work on new material. The show concludes with a performance by the improv troupe **Beer Money.** Alcohol is served. *8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $5 in advance and at the door. 996–9080.*

"The Catfight": Improv Inferno. *Every Thursday.* Competition between 2 improv groups, with a different pair of competitors each week. After each competitor presents a half hour of their best comedy, the audience selects one as the Baddest Cat in the Fight. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. $5. 214–7080.*

"Full Frontal Comedy": Monkey Rampant Sketch Comedy. *June 2, 16, & 30.* This local sketch comedy troupe presents a fast-paced show of 24 surrealistic parodies of various aspects of popular culture. Age 18 & older admitted. *9–10:15 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.), Elbow Room, 6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti. $6 ($5 with 3 or more nonperishable items to donate to SOS Community Services). 483–6374.*

"High Octane": Improv Inferno. *Every Thursday.* Performance by a past winner TBA of the club's weekly "Catfight" competition (see 8 p.m. listing above). Alcohol is served. *10 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. $5. 214–7080.*

Two sisters (Loretta Grimes, at left, and Lenore Ferber) laugh while a third (Erica Dutton) enviously looks on in Redbud Productions' *Morning's at Seven*, at the Riverside Arts Center June 2–5.

"The Best Damn Rap Tour": The Blind Pig. Headliner is **C-Rayz Walz,** a celebrated young hip-hop MC from The Bronx, known for his extravagantly inventive rhyming, whom one critic calls "a thinking man's MC with a strong street credibility." Opening acts are 2 other hip-hip MCs, **J-Live** and **Vast Aire.** *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $15 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

MTF. "Look at Me" (Agnes Jaoui, 2004). See 1 Wednesday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

3 FRIDAY

★**Friday Storytime: Arborland Borders.** *June 3, 10, & 17.* A Borders staffer reads stories and leads a craft project for kids ages 5–12. Also, a raffle today. Today's topic: **National Hug Your Cat Day,** with Maggie Smith's *Desser, the Best Cat Ever* and Eric Carle's *Have You Seen My Cat?* Also this month: a **Maisy** storytime, with Lucy Cousins's *Maisy's Bedtime* and *Maisy Makes Lemonade* (June 10), and **Father's Day,** with Edith Kunhardt's *Daddy's Scratchy Face* and Jules Feiffer's *The Daddy Mountain* (June 17). *11 a.m., Borders computer section, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 449–9394.*

★**Bridge: U-M Turner Geriatrics Center.** *Every Monday & Friday.* All seniors invited to play bridge. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

Bingo: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Friday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to play a variety of styles of bingo. *1–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $3.25. 769–5911.*

Ice Cream Social: Lawton Elementary School. The whirling Wheel of Fortune, sports games such as the hockey slap shot, a dunk tank, moon walk, and the cakewalk. Other carnival games include "the duck pond." Music by a jazz quartet TBA. Pizza, ice cream, snow cones, and cotton candy. Raffle. *5:30–8:30 p.m., Lawton, 2250 S. Seventh. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1946.*

Ice Cream Social: Mitchell Elementary School. "Pick-a-duck" and other games for prizes, a dunk tank, moon walk, and cakewalk. Slushies, pizza, ice cream, cotton candy, and pop. *6 p.m., Mitchell, 3550 Pittsview. Nominal admission includes unlimited access to all games. 971–5904.*

Ice Cream Social: Thurston Elementary School. Used book sale features "lots of good stuff" for adults and kids. Also, a make-your-own-sundae station. Face painting. *6–8 p.m., Thurston Elementary School, 2300 Prairie Rd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1970.*

★**"TGIF Democratic Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Friday.* Moderate-paced 20-mile ride to the Dexter Dairy Queen for a snack. *6 p.m., Abbot School, 2670 Sequoia Pkwy. (off Maple 1 block south of Miller). Free. 913–9851.*

★**Open Card and Board Gaming Night: The Underworld.** *Every Friday.* All invited to play any of the collectible card or board games that the Underworld carries—but you must find your own opponents. *6 p.m.–midnight, The Underworld, 1214 South University. Free. 998–0547.*

★**Tractor and Engine Show: Hudson Mills Old Power Club.** *June 3–5.* Exhibits and demonstrations of "old iron," including working steam and gas engines and antique tractors, all lovingly maintained by club members. Tractor pulls include junior and ladies pulls this evening, an antique rubber tire tractor pull (June 4, noon), and an antique steel wheel tractor pull (June 5, noon). Kids activities include a pedal tractor pull (June 4, 1 p.m.) and hayrides and a petting farm (June 4 & 5, noon–4 p.m.). Horseshoe tournament (June 4, 1 p.m.). Food concessions; flea market. *6–8 p.m. (June 3) & noon–5 p.m. (June 4 & 5), Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.). Free admission (park entry fee: $4 per vehicle). (800) 477–3191, 426–8211.*

Ice Cream Social: Allen Elementary School. Cakewalk, dunk tank, carnival games, and a display of local public safety vehicles. Raffle. Pizza, hot dogs, and pop. *6–8 p.m., Allen School, 2560 Towner Blvd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 971–5901.*

Ice Cream Social: Bach Elementary School. Carnival games and food (6–8 p.m.), followed by music & dancing. *6–9 p.m., Bach, 600 W. Jefferson. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1949.*

Ice Cream Social: King Elementary School. Carnival games and a variety of treats. *6:30–8:30 p.m., King, 3800 Waldenwood Lane. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1940.*

★**"Madden Football": Ann Arbor District Library.** All teens & adults age 18 & up invited to compete in a football video game tournament. Prizes. *6:30–9 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join in song, chant, and circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual traditions. *7–9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. $5 requested donation. 996–1332.*

"A Dazzling Decade": Out Loud Chorus. *June 3 & 4 (different locations).* This chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people celebrates its 10th anniversary with a program of highlights from its earlier shows, along with the premiere of "Welcome Home," a song by Bob McDowell commissioned by the chorus. *8 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. 973–6084.*

Trevor Watts & Jamie Harris: Kerrytown Concert House. Veteran British bandleader, composer, and saxophonist-percussionist Watts joins drummer-vocalist Harris for jazz improvisations that draw upon Celtic and North and West African melodies and rhythms. Watts has played with everyone from Don Cherry to Stan Tracey, and he's organized a series of bands that have mixed funk, jazz, world music, and minimalist compositions. Harris has played on instruments that include the djembe, the djarabouka, and Indonesian drums. A critic called Watts and Harris's duo performance at the London Jazz Festival "a freewheeling exploration of folk forms and improv." *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $10, $15, & $25 (students, $5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

John Prine: The Ark. *See review, p. 73.* Prine's music has undergone a number of changes since he first appeared on the scene almost 30 years ago, from singer-songwriter folk to rock to country to Sun

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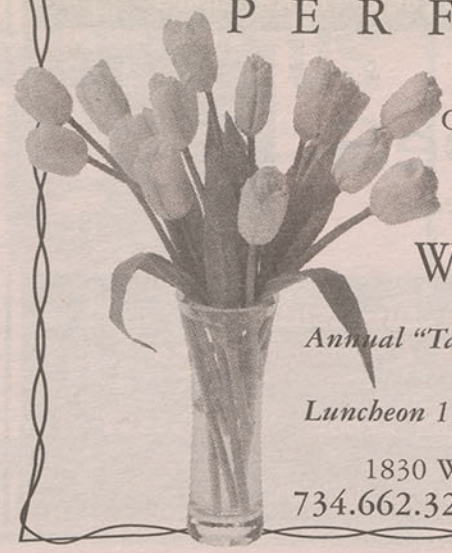

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Records–style rockabilly to the blues-based songs on his Grammy-winning 1991 LP, *The Missing Years*, and folksy storytelling on his new CD, *Fair & Square*. But underneath all these mutations, the songs have remained essentially the same. From early gems like "Sam Stone," "Hello in There," and "That's the Way the World Goes Round" to the more recent "All the Best" and "It's a Big Old Goofy World," Prine has persisted as an always arresting, often luminous chronicler of the inner life of provincial America, its joys and sorrows, its ecstasies and absurdities, its romance and tedium. He's also an engagingly charismatic performer, who sings in a voice that's as flat and tangy as his native midwestern landscape. Opening act is singer-songwriter **Mary Gauthier,** a Louisiana native currently living in Boston who is often compared to Steve Earle and Lucinda Williams. She specializes in vividly detailed, sharply observed songs about people on the edge that one critic has dubbed "country noir." Also known for the luminous purity of her singing, Gauthier has released 4 acclaimed CDs, including *Drag Queens in Limousines* and the recent *Mercy Now. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $41 & $46 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

"Nightspell": Dreamland Theater. *May 27–29 & June 3–5.* Kate Ritter directs her uplifting play about fragile snow creatures whose life is threatened by a changing world. Cast: Naia Venturi, Ursula Ritter, Deon Sullivan, Richard Ritter, Kylie Power-Sullivan, and Kate Ritter. Accompanied by music composed and performed by Misha Grey. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $12 (children 12 & under, $7). 657–2337.*

"Morning's at Seven": Redbud Productions. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Bus Stop": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. *Every Friday & Saturday (no 8 p.m. show on June 24 & 25).* A competition among 6 improv comics playing silly improv games, a la *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Each comic competes on behalf of 6 audience members for such fabulous prizes as a mealtime supply of Rice-a-Roni. When Improv Inferno founder Dan Izzo premiered the Damnation Game in Chicago, a *New City Magazine* critic called it "good fun." Ages 18 & older admitted. *8 & 10 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $10 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

Mark Knope: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *June 3 & 4.* This Detroit native is a veteran of the national comedy circuit known for his impressions of celebrity voices and hilarious takes on the commonplaces of everyday life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. *8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. *Every Friday & Saturday.* An hour of uncensored improv. *Midnight, Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $5 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

FILMS

Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter . . . and Spring" (Kim Ki-duk, 2003). Brilliantly filmed tale of a young man abandoned by his mother to be raised by a monk on a raft on a lake in the mountains of Korea. FREE. 994–3387. Jewel Heart (207 E. Washington), 7 p.m. **Michigan Theater Foundation. "Ladies in Lavender"** (Charles Dance, 2004). *June 3–9.* Two elderly English grand dames living quietly in 1936 Cornwall find a young man washed up on the beach who turns out to be, once nursed back to health, a violin virtuoso. Judi Dench, Maggie Smith. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. **"In My Country"** (John Boorman, 2004). *June 3–9.* A radio reporter struggles with the magnitude of the story she's reporting, South Africa's late-90s Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings. $8.50 (students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

4 SATURDAY

★"Sunrise Saturday Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Saturday.* Very slow-paced 22-mile ride to Dexter for breakfast. Begins at sunrise. *5:55 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 665–6327, 913–9851.*

★Stinchfield Woods Annual Census: Washtenaw Audubon Society. All invited—from novices to experienced birders—to help take a census of breeding birds in this lovely wooded area between Dexter and Pinckney. *7–11 a.m., meeting location TBA. Free. To volunteer or for information, call Karen Markey at 662–7575.*

★"Ann Arbor Landfill Grasslands Bird Walk": Ann Arbor Parks Department. City ornithologist Dea Armstrong leads a bird identification walk through the former city landfill. Bring your own binoculars, if you have any. *7:30–9:30 a.m., meet at the small parking lot just inside the Platt Rd. entrance south of Ellsworth. Free. 996–3266.*

"Bird Hike": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck leads a morning hike to look for birds in a variety of habitats and record their locations. Bring binoculars and a field guide. *7:30 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

★"Dexter Breakfast Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Saturday.* Slow-paced (22 miles) and moderate/fast-paced (30 to 80 miles) round-trip rides to the Dexter Bakery. A very popular ride. Also, after the bakery stop, a fast/moderate-paced **swim extension ride** (40 to 60 miles) continues to Silver Lake for a swim. *Note:* Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, a cell phone (if you have one), and snacks. *8 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St., or at Barton Park, Huron River Dr. Free. For information about weekly breakfast rides, call 665–3961 (June 4), 483–0448 (June 11), 971–3610 (June 18), 213–1952 (June 25). For general information, call 913–9851.*

★T'ai Chi. *Every Saturday & Sunday.* Local martial arts instructor Gabriel Chin leads a session of t'ai chi, which combines an exaggeratedly slow martial art and meditation. *8:30 a.m., the Cube, north side of Michigan Union. Free. 761–3272.*

★Sailing Sessions: U-M Sailing Club. *Every Saturday.* All sailors from first-timers to Fridtjof Nansens invited to try 30 minutes of sailing with a club instructor. Drop-ins welcome (no U-M affiliation required). *9 a.m.–noon, Base Line Lake (exit US-23 at North Territorial, go west 6 miles to Mast Rd., north 3 miles to Strawberry Lake Rd.), Dexter. First 2 visits free. 426–4299.*

★"Volunteer Stewardship Workday": Ann Arbor Parks Department. *June 4 & 11 (different locations).* All invited to help city parks natural area preservation staff maintain the natural areas in various city parks. Wear pants and closed-toe shoes. Followed by short nature walks. Today: help clean up and remove invasive species from **Dicken Woods Nature Area** (9 a.m.–noon) and help remove dame's rocket, garlic mustard, and other invasive herbaceous plants from the **Furstenberg Nature Area** (1–4 p.m.). *9 a.m.–noon, meet in the Dicken School parking lot, 2135 Runnymede, & 1–4 p.m., meet in the parking lot off Fuller Rd. across from Huron High School on the western edge of Gallup Park. Free. 996–3266.*

★Weekend Rides: Ann Arbor Velo Club. *Every Saturday & Sunday.* All invited to join club members for a fast-paced ride, 50–65 miles. *Required:* a bike in good working order, a helmet, food and water, spare tires and bike repair tools, and a reasonable level of fitness. *9 a.m., Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 761–1603.*

★Conformation Show and Weight Pull: Great Lakes American Pit Bull Terrier Club. *June 4 & 5.* All invited to watch honed specimens of this controversial breed show their strength and conformity to breed standards. Harnessed to a small wagon on a track, the dogs strive with astounding strength to pull successively larger piles of stacked railroad ties—winners have pulled as much as 2½ tons. Sale of clothing and dog-related items. Raffles, food concession. *9 a.m.–afternoon, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free (parking fee $5, or $8 for both days). 728–6575.*

★"The Seven Critical Mistakes Parents Make When Talking to Their Children": Keith Hafner's Karate. Talk by local karate teacher Keith Hafner, author of *How to Build Rock Solid Kids. 9:30–11 a.m., Keith Hafner's Karate, 214 S. Main. Free. Space limited; preregistration recommended. 994–0333.*

"Saturday Adventure Series": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. *June 4 & 11 (different locations).* Local biologist Rebecca Deneau leads a hike and a nature craft for kids ages 8–12. This month's topic is **stewardship.** *9:30 a.m.–noon, Matthaei (June 4), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., & U-M Nichols Arboretum Reader Center (June 11), 1610 Washington Heights. $10. Preregistration required. 998–7061.*

★Walk: Grex. *Every Saturday (different locations).* All invited to join members of this local computer-conferencing group for a walk, either along trails in Bird Hills Park (June 4) or from Gallup Park through Nichols Arboretum (June 11, 18, & 25). *10 a.m., meet at the Newport Rd. entrance to Bird Hills Park (June 4) and in Gallup Park parking lot (June 11, 18,*

& 25), 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 741–9351.

★**Tour: Zingerman's Bakehouse.** *Every Saturday.* A chance to view artisanal bread and pastry baking and get a free treat. *10 a.m., Zingerman's Bakehouse, 3711 Plaza Dr. Free. 761–2095.*

★**Children's Festival: Old West Side Association.** Kids invited to meet the albino python Banana, a baseball-cap-hanging tree frog, and a balloon-carrying tortoise. Also, games, prizes, lemonade, cookies, and more. Rain date: June 5. *10 a.m.–noon, Wurster Park (Madison at 4th St.). Free admission. 665–4898.*

"Mega-Sale and Extravaganza": Motawi Tileworks. Decorate a tile to take home for free (11 a.m.–4 p.m.). Demonstrations of glazing (1 & 3 p.m.), press-molding (1:15 & 3:15 p.m.), and mounting and grouting (1:30 p.m.) tiles. Sale of discounted tiles in the "boneyard" seconds and overruns area. Also, local tile makers David Ellison and Michael Macone show and sell their work. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Motawi, 170 Enterprise Dr. (north off Jackson Rd. between Staebler & Baker). Free admission. 213–0017.*

57th Annual Spring Sale: Ann Arbor Potters Guild. *June 4 & 5.* A very popular annual sale held outdoors under a big tent. Includes a wide variety of functional and decorative regular and white stoneware, porcelain, and raku ceramics by members and students at this esteemed nonprofit cooperative, in operation since 1949. Also, a supervised kids clay play area and a low-price kids sale table with toys, pots, animals, jewelry, and other items made for kids. Rain or shine. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Potters Guild parking lot, 201 Hill. Free admission. 663–4970.*

32nd Annual Art Fair: Chelsea Painters. *June 4 & 5.* Sale of cards, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, monoprints, oils, encaustics, and scratchboard, by 28 members of this group of area artists. Live country and bluegrass music by local guitarist Bev Smith. Music and kids activities. Proceeds benefit a medical scholarship fund that has raised $17,000 since 1974. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main, Chelsea. Free admission. 475–8824.*

★**10th Annual African American Downtown Festival: Community Leaning Post.** A celebration of the contributions of African Americans to the development of Ann Arbor, held in what was once the center of the city's African American business district. Features sale of food and merchandise by local African American businesses, display and sale of arts & crafts, face painting, games, and a great variety of entertainment. Raffle. *10 a.m.–9 p.m., Ann St. between Main & Fourth Ave., and Fourth Ave. between Ann & Catherine. Free admission. 769–0288.*

★**"Plant Selection and Design Fulfillment": Fraleighs Landscape Nursery.** Talk by Cottage Gardens wholesale suppliers chief horticulturalist Ted Meyers. *10 am., Fraleighs Landscape Nursery, 8600 Jackson Rd., Dexter. Free. 426–5067.*

★**"The 9/11 Commission Report: Omissions and Distortions": Gray Panthers of Huron Valley.** Showing of a video of this lecture by Claremont (California) School of Theology religion and theology professor emeritus David Griffin. Refreshments. *10 a.m.–noon, U-M Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 996–2596.*

★**"Bubble Festival": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.** *June 4 & 5.* Celebrating the paired themes of public safety services and soap bubbles, the festival features hands-on bubble science activities in the plaza in front of the Hands-On Museum and, in the parking lot and street front of City Hall, SWAT team rappelling demos, fire truck dedications, 2 moon walks, "Sammy the Safety Bus," a K-9 police dog, and displays of police cars, a police motorcycle, a bomb truck, and an ambulance. Free refreshments and face painting. Also, bubble shows both days by Ron Loyd, the Bubble Man (1 & 3 p.m.). *10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. (June 4) & noon–5 p.m. (June 5), Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 220 Ann St. Free. 995–5439.*

★**Storytime: Nicola's Books.** *Every Saturday.* Storytelling program for kids ages 2½–7. Also, a visit from **Spot the Dog.** *11 a.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

Draw Doubles: Ann Arbor Area Disc Induced Sports Club. *Every Saturday.* All invited to play disc golf at one of Hudson Mills Metropark's 24-hole disc golf courses. Disc golf is a popular sport played with a Frisbee-like disc; the goal is to land the disc in a "pole hole" in the fewest shots. In draw doubles play, beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Golf discs available free from the Hudson Mills Metropark office. *11 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $4 per player; free for spectators. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) 434–1615.*

"The Sky Tonight"/"The Top Astronomy Misconceptions": U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. *Every Saturday & Sunday. The Sky Tonight* (11:30 a.m. Saturdays only and 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. both days)

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★**Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club.** *Every Tuesday & Saturday.* All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. *1–3 p.m. (Sat.) & 7:30–9:30 p.m. (Tues.), location TBA. Free. 222–9803, 761–1115.*

"Huron River Ecosystem": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck leads a hike along the river to learn about the large and small inhabitants of its ecosystem. *1 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $2. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

★**Afternoon Group Entertainment: Ann Arbor Parks Department.** *Every Saturday.* All adults invited to play dominoes, chess, checkers, cards, board games, and more. *1–2 p.m., Bryant Community Center (3 W. Eden Ct. off Champagne from Stone School Rd., just north of Ellsworth). Free. 994–2722.*

★**"Madden Football": Ann Arbor District Library.** All youths in grades 6–12 invited to compete in a football video game tournament. Prizes. *1–4 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

★**Dinosaur Tours: U-M Exhibit Museum.** *Every Saturday & Sunday.* 30-minute docent-led tour of the museum's dinosaur exhibits. *2 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free, but limited to the first 15 people to sign up for each tour. 764–0478.*

"The Labyrinth: Earthworks, Earth Ceremony": Gaia Center for Holistic Studies. Local herbalist Mary Light discusses the labyrinth she built in May. Attendees can examine it and help plant plants to decorate it. *2–5 p.m., 7638 W. Ellsworth Rd. (between Zeeb and Parker rds.). $7. 769–7794.*

★**"2005 Ann Arbor Festival of Chinese Dance": Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor.** A chance to see galloping Mongolian dance, the serene Dai umbrella dance, the spinning Xinjiang Muslim dance, the joyful aboriginal Taiwanese dance, and contemporary children's dances. The dancers are students from the Ann Arbor Chinese Dancing School, the Ann Hua Chinese School, the Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan, and the Li Yu Adult Fitness class. *2–3:30 p.m., Huron High School Meyers Auditorium, 2727 Fuller Rd. Free. 668–2066.*

★**"Fate's Redemption": Barnes & Noble.** Local writer **Keith Johnson** is on hand to sign copies of his new novel. *2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

Kids Drum Circle with Muruga and Oz: Oz's Music. All kids invited to join a drumming session hosted by Oz's owner Steve Osburn. *3–4 p.m., Oz's Music, 1920 Packard. $10. 662–8283.*

★**African American Book Club: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion of ***You Know Better,*** Tina Ansa's novel about a wayward girl with dreams of starring in music videos and her watchful grandmother. *4 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 942–6013.*

Ann Arbor Orthodontics Kids Run: Ann Arbor Track Club. All kids ages 2–12 invited to run distances, depending on age, of 50 m to 800 m, supervised by adult volunteers, in noncompetitive fun runs. Awards for all finishers. Parents welcome to join their kids. Refreshments. *4 p.m., Pioneer High School track. $10 in advance at dexterannarborrun.com, $12 in advance by mail or fax and day of race. 663–9740, 663–5680.*

★**Open Role-Playing Gaming Night: The Underworld.** *Every Saturday.* All invited to play any of the role-playing games that the Underworld carries, but you must find your own opponents. *6 p.m.–midnight, The Underworld, 1214 South University. Free. 998–0547.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

★**Munya Upin: Ann Arbor Art Center.** This area metalsmith gives a slide-illustrated talk about metalworking. In conjunction with the "Jewelry + Objects" exhibit (see Galleries). *7 p.m., AAAC, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994–8004.*

Youth Owned Records Benefit: The Neutral Zone. Performances by the local experimental electronica band **Midwest Product,** soul singer **Madeline Davis,** and local hip-hop artists **Lo-Key, SA and Tenacity,** and others TBA. *7 p.m., The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main. $7 (members, $5). 214–9995.*

"A Dazzling Decade": Out Loud Chorus. See 3 Friday. 7:30 p.m., Genesis of Ann Arbor, 2309 Packard Rd.

1st Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Today: Glen Morningstar calls to music by Bubbah Lu (Judi Morningstar, Jim McKinney, and Sharon Robinson). No partner needed. Wear cool, casual clothes and flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, a free open jam (3–6 p.m., 769–4220). *8 p.m.–midnight, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $9 (AACTMAD members, $8; students, $5). 769–1052.*

Greg Sulik and Donald Grant: Kerrytown Concert House. Clarinet and piano duos by these 2 visiting NMU faculty members. Program: Hindemith's Sonata in B-flat Major, Jacob's Concertino for Clarinet, Schumann's Three Romances, and Templeton's *Pocket Size Sonata. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10, $15, $25 (students, $5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

RFD Boys: The Ark. *June 4 & 24.* Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. They have appeared in numerous festivals and even made the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have several recordings, including *Live and Unrehearsed,* a 1994 Ark performance. Proceeds benefit the Leslie Science Center, a city parks facility situated on 50 acres of fields, woods, and prairie that provides natural science and environmental education opportunities for kids and their families. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. $11 (students, seniors, & members, $10) at the door only. $25 reserved seating available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office (763–TKTS). 761–1451.*

"Nightspell": Dreamland Theater. See 3 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Morning's at Seven": Redbud Productions. See 2 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.

"Bus Stop": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10 p.m. and midnight.

Mark Knope: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**"Milonga Picante": Michigan Argentine Tango Club.** *June 4 & 18.* Tango dancing to recorded music. No partner necessary. *Note:* People not affiliated with the U-M are not admitted to the Union after 9 p.m., but those who arrive before 9 p.m. may remain through the end of the evening. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. Free. 973–2338.*

"Saturday Night Fever Dance": Parents Without Partners. All adults invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 70s to contemporary dance music, with an emphasis tonight on vintage disco music, played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. Proceeds benefit Alpha House, a shelter for homeless families. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $8 (PWP members, $6). 973–1933.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Ladies in Lavender" (Charles Dance, 2004). See 3 Friday. Mich., times TBA. **"In My Country"** (John Boorman, 2004). See 3 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

5 SUNDAY

★**"Warblers of Port Huron State Game Area": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** A WAS member TBA leads a field trip to the southernmost location in Michigan to look for nesting morning and golden-winged warblers, as well as several resident species of birds, dragonflies, and butterflies. Bring a lunch and plenty of liquids; dress for the weather (and insects). *5:45 a.m. departure (arrive 15 minutes early for directions or to arrange carpool), meet at Briarwood mall parking lot area #5 (near Sears). Free. 973–9422.*

★**Horse Show: Spur of the Moment Club.** A judged amateur riding event for kids and adults, including English, western, and halter riding styles. Also, fun games like **barrel racing.** Many young riders get their start here before moving on to the professional circuits. Lunch available. *8 a.m.–about 7 p.m. (races & games begin around 3 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free admission. 429–3145.*

gallery review

Eastside-Westside

Exploring Michigan regionalism

Western Michigan artists express a regional style distinct from eastern Michigan artists'. Maybe. That's the premise under exploration at the Gallery Project, on South Fourth Avenue, in its sparkling debut show, *Eastside-Westside*.

Works by five western Michigan and eleven eastern Michigan artists dot the airy gallery. Taken as a whole, the western works—to generalize from a tiny sample—share a quietude or equipoise. The eastern works bristle with presence, and range from a year chronicled in stickers to a wall-full of paper cutouts to an assemblage of whimsical yet precise resin paintings of subjects drawn from nature.

Julie Dummermuth's *A Year in Review* consists of a large square canvas coated in tidy vertical rows of stickers adhering to several subtle background bars of color. This fun, peppy piece instantly snares the viewer into trying to guess if the work is chronological and representational, and, if so, which stickers represent which times of year. Flowers seem to indicate spring (too easy), until adjacent black cats foil that guess. Perhaps the flowers' whiteness indicates snow and winter—but then what about . . . ? This simple work turns out to be an engaging visual puzzle.

Scattered wildly over the back wall, Kate Mooth's "improvisational wall art" (above), life-size paper cutouts of such household objects as vacuum cleaners, toasters, and even earrings, spills in a jumble toward the ceiling. The teeming crowd of rust-colored silhouettes staggers the viewer a bit, forcing reflections on materialism and the huge quantity of objects in one's everyday life.

This exhibition's liveliness and variety engaged other gallerygoers. A young lady explained to several friends that the pink satin pooled under a piece of fur represented a killed animal's flesh. Another lady peered delightedly at Adrian Hatfield's paintings, remarking to her companion that she "just can't stop looking!"

My favorite works were Hatfield's set of twenty-six playful resin paintings. Some as small as a pack of cigarettes, some as large as a large window, the colorful works dwell on forms found in nature. Several have backgrounds formed from science or biology textbook pages daintily cut into elegant, baroque scrolls. Over these cavort birds and butterflies. Several depict marine life, with small portraits of squids attacking boats, a shark swimming through painted curlicues, and one work consisting of a tentacle ominously appearing in murky resin, swamp monster style. Stickers reappear here, with insects and flowers clustered thickly on some works and sprinkled sparingly over others. The use of stickers underlines an offhand comment by gallery co-manager Gloria Pritschet, that "pop culture and toys are blending with art."

That assertion can be explored at the gallery's next show, *Heigh Ho, Hi-Lo,* which explores the intersections of art, toys, and play. *Eastside-Westside* continues through Wednesday, June 8.

—Laura Bien

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor Art Center. *Off the Wall: The Huron River* (through August 1). *Jewelry + Objects* (through June 25). Reception 3 Friday, 6–8 p.m. 994–8004.

Ann Arbor District Library. *Main library:* *Art by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald; Ann Arbor Area Rotary Clubs Centennial Celebration* (June 2–July 5). ***Malletts Creek Branch:*** *Crackerjack Variations* (through June 5); *Group of Four: Award Winners from the Ann Arbor Women Artists Spring Exhibit* (June 16–30). 327–4510.

Dreamland Theater. *Whirligig* (June 12). See Events. 485–3454.

The Gallery Project. *Heigh Ho, Hi-Lo* (June 15–July 17). Reception 17 Friday, 6–9 p.m. 997–7012.

Gifts of Art (U-M Hospitals). *Michigan Shorelines by Michael Siporin and Carol Elkins; Ceramics by Mary Ellen Naughton; UMHS Employee Show; Art Quilts by Sue Holdaway-Heys; Jewelry by Kristin Perkins; Watercolor Monotypes by Sandra Steed; Fabric Art by Susan Weisberg; Watercolor Paintings by William Smyth* (June 20–August 17). 936–ARTS.

Kerrytown Concert House. *Works by Sun Hwa Kim* (June 3–July 15). Reception 9 Thursday, 5–7 p.m. 769–2999.

River Gallery. *Lure of the Local* (June 11–July 17). Reception 11 Saturday, 6–8 p.m. 433–0826.

Riverside Art Gallery. *The Arabian Knights Revised Exhibition* (June 1–17). Reception 1 Wednesday, 6–8 p.m. *Mary Williams M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition* (June 18–July 1). 761–3661.

U-M Museum of Art. *Pop!* (June 5–September 25). *Paisley and Peacocks* (June 25–October 16). 764–UMMA.

Washington Street Gallery. *Dee Ann Segula: Party-Fauna* (June 21–July 30). Reception 24 Friday, 7–9 p.m. 761–2287.

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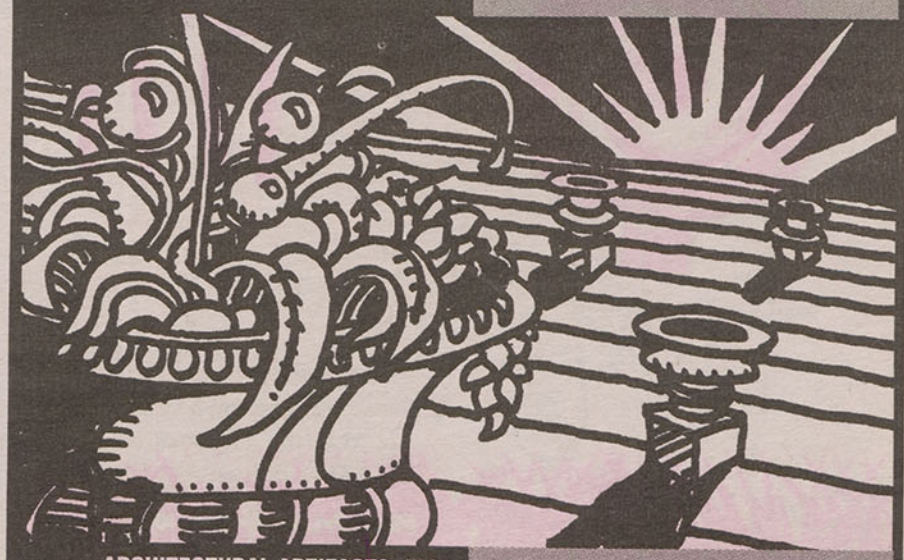

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★**"Dans Invade Dansville Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 100-mile ride to Dansville, where, organizers say, there is a "dan fine restaurant with XXL cinnamon rolls." Also, at 10 a.m. moderate-paced 60-mile and slow-paced 36-mile rides to the same destination leave, respectively, from Pierce's Pastries Plus on Middle St. in Chelsea and from the corner of Gregory and Carr roads in Gregory. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 971–3610 (100-mile ride), 994–7484 (60-mile ride), (517) 851–8323 (36-mile ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**Shorinji Kempo.** *Every Sunday.* This Japanese self-defense system combines hard and soft techniques with Zen philosophy. *9–11 a.m., Arts in Motion Dance Studio, 2839 Boardwalk. Free to first-time visitors ($25 monthly dues). 332–1780.*

9th Annual Orphan Car Show: Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection. All invited to an entertaining narrated drive-by display (10:15 a.m.) of extremely rare autos, around 300 "orphan cars" whose parent companies are long out of business, including the only existing Ann Arbor brand car, originally built in what's now Dance Gallery Studio. This year's show highlights **Maxwells.** From the park bleachers visitors can admire and learn about cars, trucks, roadsters, utility vehicles, and motor scooters dating from nearly every decade of the 20th century, as well as choice rarities, including a 1903 car made in Kalamazoo and amphibious propeller-driven amphicars. An especially fun part of the festival is chatting with owners and discovering that many orphan cars are beautiful and treasured cultural artifacts. Proceeds benefit the collection. *9 a.m.–4 p.m., Riverside Park, Ypsilanti. $6 (kids 13 & under accompanied by an adult, free). 482–5200.*

★**Silent Vipassana Meditation: Deep Spring Center for Meditation and Spiritual Inquiry.** *Every Sunday.* Meditators of all levels invited for an hour of silent meditation focusing on the breath. While the practice stems from the earliest and purest Buddhist teachings, this form of meditation requires no religious beliefs. Followed by a 30-minute dharma discussion. *9:30–11 a.m., Deep Spring Center, 3003 Washtenaw, suite 2 (entrance on Glenwood, next to Arby's). Free, but donations accepted. 477–5848.*

★**Meditation: Karma Thegsum Choling.** *Every Sunday.* All invited to sitting (9:30 a.m.) and chanting (10 a.m.) meditation. If you feel a tad intimidated, don't fret—"We'll put you on the right page and tell you not to worry about it," notes an organizer. *9:30 a.m., KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761–7495, 678–7549.*

★**Education Series: Northside Presbyterian/St. Aidan's Church.** *June 5 & 12.* Talks on a variety of topics that relate to Christian teachings. Today: a speaker TBA discusses **"Justice Making for Sexual Minorities."** Also this month: talks by Northside and St. Aidan's delegates to the June 4–7 **"Bread for the World National Conference"** (June 12). *9:45 a.m., Northside Presbyterian/St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway. Free. 663–5503.*

★**Introductory Dharma Talk: Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** *Every Sunday.* Talks by **Gehlek Rimpoche,** an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor, or one of Gehlek's senior students. Today: Steve Kronenberg discusses **"The Value of Human Life."** Also this month: Gehlek discusses **"Managing Your Spiritual Life"** (June 12), Sandy Finkel discusses **"Self-Respect and Respecting Others"** (June 19), and Hartmut Sagolla discusses **"How to Contemplate Spiritual Topics"** (June 26). *10–11 a.m., Jewel Heart Buddhist Center, 207 E. Washington. Free, but donations are accepted. 994–3387.*

★**"Who Are You, Really?": Eckankar of Ann Arbor.** All invited to discuss spiritual contemplative techniques. *10 a.m., Gretchen's House, 2340 Oak Valley Drive. Free. 913–9822.*

★**Ultimate Frisbee: H.A.C. Ultimate.** *Every Sunday.* All invited to a pickup game of this spirited team sport played with a flying disc. *11 a.m., Burns Park. Free. 995–1621.*

★**First Singles: First Presbyterian Church.** *Every Sunday.* A weekly program open to all single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. Today: First Presbyterian campus minister Jeff Bryan leads a **Bible study.** Also this month: registered nurse Marge Van Meter discusses **"The Hope Clinic"** (June 12), First Singles member Dee Valvanis leads a discussion of Dan Brown's best-selling novel ***The Da Vinci Code*** (June 19), and First Singles members plan programs for the summer and fall (June 26). Also, members meet for breakfast every Saturday at 10 a.m. at Cafe Marie in the Courtyard Shops (1759 Plymouth Rd.). *11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church Curtis Room, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466, ext. 43.*

Artisan Market. *Every Sunday.* Show and sale of fine crafts, jewelry, soaps, furniture, fiber arts, and gift items. Also, live entertainment TBA. *Related event:* a night market (June 17, 6–10 p.m.) with a craft table where kids can make a Father's Day card. *11 a.m.–4 p.m., Farmers' Market. Free admission. 665–2009.*

20th Annual "Taste of Ann Arbor and the Rest of the World": Main Street Area Association. A chance to savor bite-size tidbits of entrees and desserts from the kitchens of downtown restaurants and cafes. Entertainment at 3 stages. At the Main and Liberty stage: jazz by the **Ann Arbor Music Center Student Jazz Band** (11–11:45 a.m.), old-time jazz by **Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings** (noon–1 p.m.), a performer TBA (1:15–2 p.m.), Elvis tribute artist **Chris Solano** (2:30–3:30 p.m.), and folk-rock by the **Great Lakes Myth Society** (4–5 p.m.). Between sets, traditional English dance by the **Ann Arbor Morris Dancers.** At the Main and William stage, big band swing by the **II-V-I Orchestra** (noon–1 p.m., 2–3 p.m., & 4 p.m.) and acoustic swing by the **Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio** (1–2 & 3–4 p.m.). At the Main and Washington stage, **Colors the Clown** (11 a.m.–noon), and a performer TBA (2–5 p.m.). Also, a climbing wall at Main and William, and carnival games and kids activities on Liberty. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Theater and the Jaycees. *11 a.m.–5 p.m., Main St. between William and Washington sts. Free. Redeemable food tickets 50¢ each. 668–7112.*

★**Tour: Zingerman's Creamery.** Zingerman's cheesemaker John Loomis leads a tour of the new facility where Zingerman's cheeses are made. *Noon, Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. Free. 929–0500.*

★**Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** *Every Sunday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to play bridge. No partner required. *12:30–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**"Waterloo-Pinckney Trail 20th Birthday Hike with the Sierra Club": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner and local Sierra Club members lead a hike along part of this trail. *1 p.m., meet at Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971–6337.*

Gays and Lesbians, Older and Wiser. Potluck and social gathering for gays and lesbians age 50 & older. Bring a dish to pass. *1–3 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd., suite C. $2. 764–2556.*

★**2005 Lecture Series: Saguaro Nursery & Gardens.** *Every Sunday.* Talks by Saguaro staff and guest speakers. Today's topic: Saguaro perennial manager Rebecca Rogers discusses **"Alpine and Rock Garden Plants."** Also this month: The English Gardener owner Chris Rickards on **"Gardening for Butterflies"** (June 12), Bailey Nurseries sales rep Don List on **"Flowering Shrubs"** (June 19), and former Saguaro owner Richard Tuttle on **"Creating a Working Aquatic Ecosystem"** (June 26). *1–2 p.m., Saguaro, 470 W. Five Mile Rd., Whitmore Lake. Free. 449–4237.*

Sunday Cooking Sessions: Kitchen Port. *June 5, 12, 19, & 26.* Cooking sessions led by local chefs and cooks. Today: Simply Scrumptious's Lori Shepard whips up some flavors of **gelato.** Also this month: African food enthusiast Tim Donohue prepares marinated **Senegalese chicken** (June 12), baking teacher Patricia Ivery makes three tasty **tarts** (June 19), and—for a change of pace—Renaissance Acres Organic Herb Farm's Peter Stark demonstrates his **handblown glass aquariums** for displaying flower arrangements (June 26). *1–2 p.m., Kitchen Port, 283 Zeeb Rd. $7. Preregistration recommended. 665–9188.*

★**"The Far Flung Adventures of Homer the Hummer": Wild Birds Unlimited.** Dexter writer **Cynthia Furlong Reynolds** is on hand to sign copies of her new children's book about a hummingbird. It is illustrated by well-known local bird illustrator

The local duo of Pulitzer Prize–winning composer William Bolcom and mezzo-soprano Joan Morris perform early American popular song at the First Congregational Church in Chelsea June 11.

Catherine McClung. Copies of the book available for purchase. *1–3 p.m., Wild Birds Unlimited, Woodland Plaza, 2208 S. Main at Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 665–7427.*

★**Mario Kart Tournament: Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades 1–5 invited to compete in a tournament playing this popular auto racing video game. *1–4 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Guild Day: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to meet local neopagans and sit in on meetings of their Magicians (2–3 p.m.), Healers (3–4 p.m.), and Warriors (4–5 p.m.) guilds. *2–5 p.m., 263 Larkspur (take Pontiac Trail north and turn left onto Skydale, left onto Cloverdale, and right onto Larkspur). Free. 262–1052.*

"Rockhound Basics": Waterloo Natural History Association. Geologist Larry Bean leads rock hounds to a closed gravel pit to learn about rocks and minerals you can find there and what they reveal about ancient Michigan. *2 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) $2 (families, $5). Space limited; preregistration required. Vehicle entry fee: $6 daily, $24 annual pass ($6 for seniors 65 & over). 475–3170.*

★**"Introduction to Robotics": Rocks and Robots Summer Camp.** *June 5, 18, 25, & 26.* Rocks and Robots cofounder George Albercook offers fun and challenging introductions, for kids 9–12 (2 p.m.) and 13 & up (3 p.m.), to programming small, wheeled computer-controlled robots. *2 & 3 p.m., Sunward Cohousing, 424 Little Lake Dr. (off Parkland from Jackson between Auto Mall Dr. & W. Delhi Rd.). Free. Reservations required. 996–9516.*

★**"Kerry Tales: Dogs Laugh with Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops.** 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and rollicking fun, with local storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. *2 p.m., Hollander's (Kerrytown), 407 N. Fifth Ave. Free. 769–3115.*

★**Kids Open Stage: Oz's Music Environment.** Kids of all ages and all musical abilities are invited to play, sing, or just observe. *2–3 p.m., Oz's Music Environment, 1922 Packard. Free; donations welcome. 662–8283.*

★**"Poets in the Round": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All invited to take turns reading 2 or 3 favorite poems of their own or by another poet. Also, a brief reading by a guest poet TBA. *2–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**Open House: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center.** Displays showcasing Turner programs, a talk on planned giving by U-M Health System development staff member Donna Parr, and live music by the **Running River Strings,** an intergenerational ensemble from Lebanon, Indiana. Also, awards to Jane Barney, Dorothy Mack, and Paul Wasson for their leadership in improving health care for older African Americans, and to the founders of a new social work endowment. *2–5 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 764–2556.*

"Morning's at Seven": Redbud Productions. See 2 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**Ann Arbor–Motown Hash House Harriers.** *Every Sunday & occasional Saturdays.* The local chapter of an unorthodox running club for people who like to make a game of running. Each runner's task is to follow a trail designed to be confusing. The usual result is that the lead (i.e., fastest) runners run the longest distance, so that runners of varying abilities complete the course in nearly the same time. Each run includes at least one pit stop (with beer & pop hidden along the way) and is followed by a trip to a nearby restaurant. *3 p.m., location TBA. Free. Weekly locations available at a2h3.org.*

Father Elias Chacour: First Presbyterian Church. This Melkite Catholic priest, author of *Blood Brothers* and *We Belong to the Land,* discusses his experiences as the founder and director of Mar Elias Educational Institutions (Ibillin, Israel), which include the first university in the Holy Land open to Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Followed by reception and book signing. Chacour also gives a talk this evening at a dinner ($50; reservations required by June 1) at the Campus Inn, 6:30 p.m. *3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Donation. 973–0394.*

"Nightspell": Dreamland Theater. See 3 Friday. 3 p.m.

★**Jane Shellenbarger: Yourist Pottery.** Screening of a DVD about this ceramic artist known for gracefully serene long-spouted ewers and coffeepots with rich, fiery colors. *4 p.m., Yourist Pottery & Design Studio, 1133 Broadway. Free. 662–4914.*

"Picnic on the Green": Dixboro United Methodist Church. An outdoor picnic with games and music by the local Christian band **A Joyful Noise.** Burgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and beverages available. Bring a Frisbee. Proceeds benefit a mission trip. *4–7 p.m., Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Donation. 665–5632.*

★**Ann Arbor Morris Dancers.** *Every Sunday.* All invited to try an outdoor session of this boisterous, jingly, ancient English ceremonial dance said to have originated a millennium ago as a pantomime of war between Moors and Crusaders. Wear athletic shoes. *6–8 p.m., minipark between Rackham & the Frieze Bldg. Free. 747–8138.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

"The Reality Buffet": Improv Inferno. *Every Sunday.* Short plays, both comic and serious, based on the personal lives of the members of Detroit's new **Motoprism** theater company. *7 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $10 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

Grada: The Ark. "The hottest young Irish traditional group around," according to the *Dublin Event Guide,* this Dublin-based ensemble performs vibrant contemporary arrangements of traditional songs and tunes, along with originals in the same vein. The band also uses some nontraditional instrumentation, including an occasional trumpet, cello, or string bass. Opening act is **The Tarbox Ramblers,** a Boston band that plays menacing, dark country blues. *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $13.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

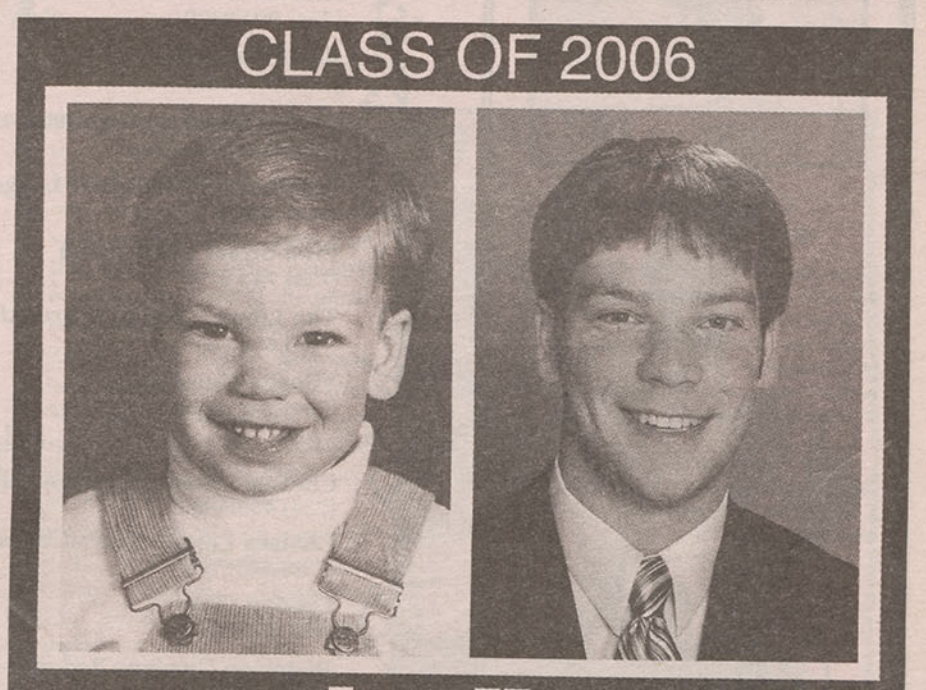
Weekly Meeting: U-M Ballroom Dancers. *Every Sunday.* Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 5:30 p.m. by lessons and practice. *8–10 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. $2. 763–6984.*

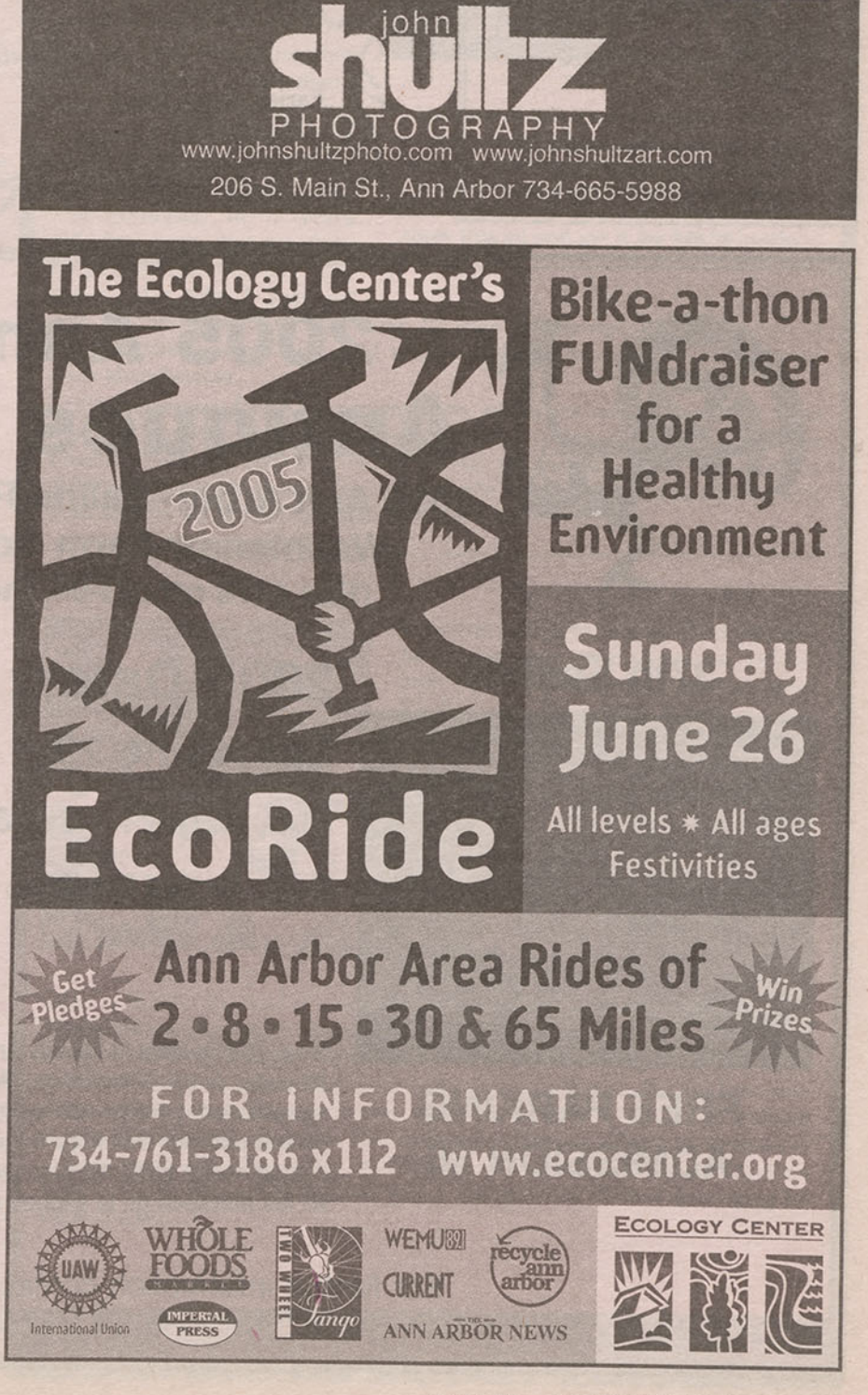
"Get Up Stand Up": Improv Inferno. *Every Sunday.* Open mike for up-and-coming local stand-up comics. *8:30 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $5 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

"The Eye Candy Experience": Improv Inferno. *Every Sunday.* Character-driven improv by the Eye Candy, a quintet that won Improv Inferno's March improv invitational tournament. *10 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $5 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Summer Classics." "The General" (Buster Keaton, Clyde Bruckmann, & Eddie Cline, 1927). *June 5 & 7.* Classic Buster Keaton comedy. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50).





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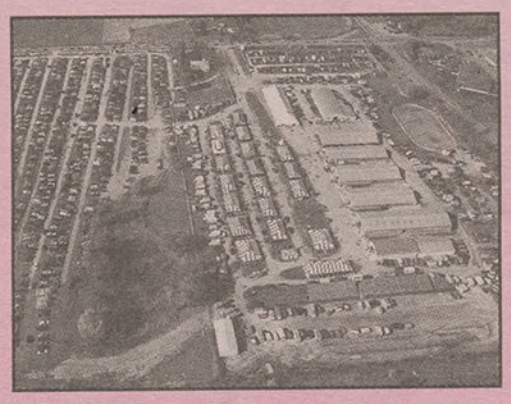

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6 MONDAY

★**"Back Road Ramble": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Monday.* Slow-paced ride, 20–35 miles, along dirt and gravel roads to the Dexter Dairy Queen or to Independence Lake. *9 a.m., meet at 960 Forest Rd. (off Country Club Dr.), Barton Hills. Free. 761–2885 & 663–5060 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"Chelsea Family Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Monday.* Family-oriented slow/moderate-paced ride, 20–30 miles, to either Dexter or the Waterloo Recreation Area. *9 a.m., meet at the north side of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness, 1178 S. Main, Chelsea. Free. (517) 851–8323 & (517) 285–6830 (today's ride), 994–0044 (general information).*

"Sprouts!": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Preschoolers (accompanied by an adult) are invited to hear a nature story and do a nature project about insects. Dress for the weather. Juice snack included. *10–11 a.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. $8 per child. Preregistration required. 998–7061.*

★**Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army.** *Every Monday.* Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 & older. Every meeting includes a speaker, word game, craft, or activity. Also, **Bible study** and **chair exercises.** Coffee, tea, juice, and doughnuts served. Followed by lunch ($1) and socializing. *10 a.m.–noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 668–8353.*

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Monday except June 13.* Activities begin at 11 a.m. with **"Fitness Fun"** ($3), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. The weekly program also includes meetings of **Just for Men,** a discussion group for men, and of the **Writing Group** (1–3 p.m.). Homemade buffet luncheon ($3) available at noon. All invited. *11 a.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★**"Game Day": Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All seniors age 50 & older invited to play mah-jongg, tile rummy, social bridge, chess, and more. Punch and treats provided. *Noon, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**"Paved Roads Country Roads Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Monday.* Fast-, moderate-, and slow-paced training ride, 18–24 miles, along country roads west of town. *6 p.m., meet at Royster Clark, 885 Parker Rd. at Pine Cross Lane (just south of Jackson Rd.), Scio Twp. Free. 426–5116 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"The Uncivilized Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Monday.* Fast/moderate-paced ride, 18–21 miles, to Dexter and beyond. *6:30 p.m. sharp, Wellington Park, Alice at Bruce St. (off Arborview from Miller). Free. 665–8311 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"The Civilized Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Monday.* Slow-paced 12-mile ride to Dexter, with a possible stop for ice cream. *7 p.m. sharp, Wellington Park, Alice at Bruce St. (off Arborview from Miller). Free. 996–2974 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"Volleyball in the Park": Ann Arbor Ski Club.** *Every Monday.* All adults age 21 & older invited to join a volleyball game. All skill levels welcome. Postgame socializing at CUBS' AC. *7 p.m.–dark, Burns Park (just east of the picnic pavilion), corner of Wells & Baldwin. Free. 973–2136.*

★**Huron Valley Toastmasters.** *Every Monday.* Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. A chance to develop confidence in speaking publicly. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by dinner in the cafeteria. *Note:* Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Wednesday & Thursday (see listings). *7–9 p.m., U-M Main Hospital cafeteria, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free to visitors. Dues: $48 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of $16). 663–1836.*

★**"Public Parks & Open Space Visioning": Washtenaw Metro Alliance.** Representatives of this consortium of Ann Arbor–Ypsilanti-area local governments present an update on planning for a connected and coordinated regionwide open space and parks system. Followed by public discussion. *7 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 222–6848.*

★**"Bike Fitting and Safety": Vie Fitness and Spa.** Mountain bike experts fit your bike, discuss local

The Farm and Garden Association garden walk

Rain or shine

Last year the Ann Arbor Farm and Garden Association's annual garden walk was scheduled for a Saturday in mid-June when my husband and I were going to be in Stratford. So that I could write about the walk for the Observer, I received special permission to visit the gardens the day before. What luck, I quickly discovered, to be the only person on a garden tour!

I awoke that Friday morning to pouring rain—and it never let up. Take my advice: if it is raining on Saturday, June 11, do *not* skip this year's garden walk. A late-spring garden in the rain, its many shades of green and other subtle color tones shimmering through a prism of water, has its own special allure.

In past years I've encountered many a memorable garden on this walk. I recall peonies and irises around an elegant pool on a Barton Hills estate, the perennial border of my dreams at a north-side garden, and a garden in Ypsilanti that enlivened all four sides of an 1840s Gothic house in a tour de force of personal expression. On the downside, I've also put in time trudging between McMansions off Geddes encircled by tedious beds of impatiens. There was barely an impatiens to be seen on last year's walk—it was a true gardener's tour.

I started at the U-M's Inglis House, which backs up enchantingly to the Arb, offering a delectable array of formal and informal vistas and gardens. It is Ann Arbor's best imitation of an English estate, and I savored every second of my personal tour of its idyllic grounds.

Next, at a two-story house sited well off Walnut Road northwest of town, garden elves were cheerfully ignoring the deluge to add last-minute plants along the driveway. The home owner told me that five weddings had been held in her backyard. Her garden had lots of paths, some through the woods. And there were ferns everywhere, and herb and sedum gardens.

When I arrived at a house high on two acres on Craig Road, I couldn't take my eyes off the gorgeous tricolor beech on the island in the circular driveway. Behind the house, the expansive backyard sloped away from the patio, providing a distant vista of woods and hills. The English home owner, who does all her own design and planting, told me that five years ago her backyard had been "an overgrown field." Surveying what she had accomplished, I felt stunned and humbled.

My ultimate moment of gardening inspiration that day came in an in-town garden on the corner of Third and Mosley, across from Wurster Park. The simple brick house on a sloping corner lot reminded me of a Rennie Mackintosh design. A multilevel backyard flowed seamlessly from the house, as if both had been designed together. A lovely small, weathered barn was the perfect garden prop. The subtle waterfall made me think again of Mackintosh. Flashes of purple were everywhere. My eyes hurt with pleasure.

When I arrived home, I called up friends, telling them to not miss the next day's garden walk.

—Penny Schreiber

trails, and offer safety tips. Bring your bike. *7:30 p.m., Vie Fitness and Spa, 209 S. Ashley. Free. Pre-registration requested. 665–2156.*

David Grisman & the Old School Freight Train: The Ark. Proclaimed "the Paganini of the mandolin" by the *New York Times* and, less ornately, "Dawg" by his longtime collaborator, the late Jerry Garcia, Grisman is an acoustic virtuoso who has been expanding the boundaries of bluegrass and other forms of traditional American string band music since the 60s. He returns to town for the first time in 5 years with the Old School Freight Train, a young bluegrass-based quintet from Charlottesville, Virginia, with whom he's been working since 2000, forging a new music that blends bluegrass, jazz, Celtic, classical, Afro-Cuban, and R&B sounds. The Old School Freight Train also plays an opening set on its own. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $35 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Monday.* Local high school English teacher Geoff Cost throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Prizes. *9–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $5 team fee. 665–2968.*

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7 TUESDAY

★"Whitmore Lake Brunch Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Tuesday.* Slow/-moderate-paced ride, 20–39 miles, to a nearby town for brunch. *Note:* June 7 & 14 only, the ride also starts at 8:30 a.m. from McHattie Park in South Lyon, ¼ mile southwest of the intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile. *9 a.m., meet at the Park & Ride lot on 9 Mile Rd. at US-23, exit 54, Whitmore Lake. Free. 449–2026 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

Social Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tuesday & Wednesday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to play bridge. No partner required. *9:30–11:30 a.m. (Tues.) & 12:45–3:30 p.m. (Wed.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. 25¢ contribution for prizes. 769–5911.*

★Scrabble: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tuesday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to play this popular word game. *10 a.m.–noon, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center. *Every Tuesday except June 14.* All seniors invited to participate in the social discussion group **"Let's Talk About,"** play **mah-jongg** (noon–2 p.m.), and/or join the **ABC Quilters** (1–3 p.m.) to make quilts for HIV-infected babies. *10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★"Today's Forum": Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tuesday.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to discuss an important regional, national, or interna-

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The Zingerman's Times DELICATESSEN

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authentic balsamics discovered lurking in deli cabinets

Times reporters on a mission to investigate rumors of a locked glass cabinet containing rare, authentic balsamic vinegars discovered today that the real story was actually 5 feet to the right of the aforementioned locked doors.

Zingerman's Deli's best-selling balsamic vinegars from Vecchia Dispensa were openly displayed in elegant glass bottles with handmade scrolls and wax seals!

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Younger and sprightlier than their ancestors—the dignified Tradizionales–these are alliteratively and affectionately known to Deli regulars as "the affordable alternatives." The youngest, at 6 years old, has been discovered to be perfect for everyday use; the slightly older 8 year old was the bestseller; and the older 10 year old showed intense flavors of oak, blackberry, dark fruit, and vanilla and was found to be perfect with June strawberries.

Unlike impostors found in supermarkets, which are made from sweet wine vinegars and even molasses, these balsamics are made entirely from the must of Trebbiano grapes. A recent convert was so inspired by the dramatic difference in taste between the impostors he was accustomed to and the real stuff that he was heard to exclaim, "I'll be back!"

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tional issue. The discussions are based on a recent essay or article, which is chosen in advance by members of the group and made available at the Senior Center. *11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**Dorothy Nabakiibi & Joyce Nayiga: Ten Thousand Villages.** These 2 Ugandan basket weavers discuss and demonstrate their traditional craft. *Noon–5 p.m., Ten Thousand Villages, 303 S. Main. Free. 332–1270.*

★**"Picture Ann Arbor: Then and Now": Ann Arbor District Library.** *June 7, 22, & 30.* All invited to bring in their photos of life in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County so they can be scanned for inclusion in the PictureAnnArbor Project, a searchable and easily browsable collection of digital images the AADL will add to its website in July. All invited to share their photos by bringing them to one of the library's periodic scanning clinics. *1:30–4:30 p.m. (June 7), 5:30–8:30 p.m. (June 22), & 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (June 30), AADL 3rd floor meeting room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**Scrabble: Ann Arbor Parks Department.** *Every Tuesday.* All adults & seniors invited to play Scrabble. *2–3:30 p.m., Northside Community Center, 809 Taylor. Free. 994–2985.*

★**Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Open House: Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department.** *June 7 & 11.* Guided tours of the city's recycling and trash disposal center. Also, visitors can make a jewelry pin or magnet decorated with colorful used postage stamps. *3–5 p.m. (June 7) & 10 a.m.–noon (June 11), Materials Recovery Facility, 4120 Platt Rd. Free. 994–2807.*

★**Chess & Scrabble: Ann Arbor Parks Department.** *Every Tuesday.* All invited to play chess or Scrabble. *4–5 p.m., Northside Community Center, 809 Taylor. Free. 994–2985.*

★**"Big Sky Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Tuesday.* Moderate-paced ride, 20–35 miles, along flat, relatively quiet picturesque roads south of Ann Arbor. *6 p.m., meet at York Baptist Church, 1220 Stony Creek Rd. at Platt. Free. 971–5763 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"Huron River Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Tuesday.* Slow/moderate-paced ride, 18–40 miles, to Dexter and back. *6 p.m., meet at Rudolf Steiner School, 1655 Newport Rd. Free. 996–9461, 996–8316 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**Ann Arbor FrontRunners.** *Every Tuesday & Thursday.* Gay, lesbian, and straight runners invited to choose a distance of 3–5 miles to run with FrontRunners members. *6:30 p.m., meet at Furstenberg Park. Free. 741–1763.*

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. *Every Tuesday.* Historical and traditional English dances. Today: Arlene Kindel, Carol Jacobs, and Bronwen Gates call to music by David West and Donna Baird. Also this month: callers Shirley Harden, Steve Gold, and Marty Wilson with music by Betsy McCabe, Paul Winder, Nawal Motawi, and Betsy Foote (June 14), callers Kindel, Gates, and Andreas Hayden with music by West, Baird, Anne Ormand, and Foote (June 21), and callers Gold and Greg Meisner with music by Childgrove (June 28). Wear comfy flat shoes with some grip. *7–9:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. $6 (students & children, $5). 665–7704.*

★**Common Thread.** *Every Tuesday.* All knitters invited to meet members of this local knitting group and exchange tips. *7–9 p.m., Arborland Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.*

★**Ann Arbor Area Writer's Group: Arborland Borders.** *Every Tuesday.* All local writers invited to bring samples of their writing to read and discuss. Observers welcome. *7–9 p.m., Borders computer section, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 449–9394.*

Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. Reading by **Blair,** a Detroit singer-songwriter and poet who was a member of the 2002 national champion Detroit Slam Team. His poetry focuses on what *Metro Times* writer Melissa Giannini calls "the hope that rises from the ashes of despair." Also, open-mike readings, which usually draw an engaging variety of accomplished poets and entertaining monologists in verse, and a "poetry slam," in which poets read one of their works in each round of a tournament-style competition for a $10 prize and the heady adrenaline rush that accompanies victory. *7–10 p.m., Club Heidelberg (above the Heidelberg restaurant), 215 N. Main. $5. For information, call Larry Francis at 426–3451.*

★**Sweet Adelines County Connection.** *Every Tuesday.* All women invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local 30-member barbershop harmony chorus. *7–10:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off I-94), Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($18 monthly dues for those who join). 995–4110.*

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of SPEBSQSA.** *Every Tuesday.* All male singers invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. *7:30 p.m., Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($130 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance for instructions. For information, call Keith Opal at 741–1506.*

★**Track Workout: Ann Arbor Track Club.** *Every Tuesday.* Runners (and walkers) of all ages and abilities welcome. Now in their 27th year, the Track Club's workouts are a popular means for runners to train and be timed at various distances. *7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), U-M outdoor track, S. State at Hoover. Free. 663–9740.*

★**"Singles' Salon": Vitosha Guest Haus.** *June 7 & 21.* Singles of all ages invited to sip wine, mingle, nibble bits of cheese, and enjoy the ambience of this stately stone hall. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments for impromptu performances. Baby grand available. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Vitosha Concert Hall, 1917 Washtenaw at Berkshire. Free. 973–6084.*

★**Spanish Readers Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of ***Todos los Nombres,*** Jose Saramago's novel about a government records clerk who rebels against the system. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**German Speakers' Round Table.** *Every Tuesday.* All German speakers invited for conversation. *8 p.m., Grizzly Peak Brewing Co., 120 W. Washington. Free admission. 665–2931.*

★**"Triple Double Trivia": The Arena Sports Grille and Bar.** *Every Tuesday.* All invited to try a wide-ranging trivia quiz for such prizes as T-shirts, hats, and gift certificates. Bonus points awarded for "stupid human tricks" like drinking beer upside down, dancing to Michael Jackson songs, or inserting an entire fist into your mouth. *10 p.m., The Arena, 203 E. Washington. Free. 222–9999.*

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. *Every Tuesday.* Short sets by a variety of area and regional stand-up comics. If you'd like to perform, contact emcee Brian Cook at BCook@umich.edu at least 5 days in advance. *10 p.m.–midnight, Club Above (3rd floor of the Heidelberg), 215 N. Main. $5 at the door only. 663–5578.*

FILMS

MTF. "Ladies in Lavender" (Charles Dance, 2004). See 3 Friday. Mich., times TBA. **"In My Country"** (John Boorman, 2004). See 3 Friday. Mich., times TBA. **"The General"** (Buster Keaton, Clyde Bruckmann, & Eddie Cline). See 5 Monday. Mich., 7 p.m.

8 WEDNESDAY

★**Ann Arbor Magic Club.** All amateur and professional magicians invited to an evening of socializing and discussion of the magical arts. *7 p.m., Georgetown Country Club, 1365 King George Blvd. Free. 482–9523.*

★**"Get the Energy to Enjoy Your Life": Wholistic Doc.** Talk by local chiropractor Darren Schmidt. *7–8:30 p.m., Farah Professional Center upstairs conference room, 3100 W. Liberty. Free. Reservations required. 302–7575.*

★**"Female, Fat, and Frustrated Nutrition": Whole Foods Market.** Healthy Ways Nutritional Counseling president Gail Posner and freelance speechwriter Leslie Dreispan discuss and distribute copies of healthy recipes. Also, a drawing for a tote bag full of Whole Foods goodies. *7–8 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

Native Plant Exchange and Sale: Wild Ones. All invited to bring in plants to swap with other local gardeners. Also, sale of native woody plants and shrubs from Wildtype, Sorusplants, and the Native Plant Nursery. Catalogs and advance orders available. *7 p.m., Native Plant Nursery, Nordman at Butterna (take Platt to westbound Eisenhower and turn left onto Nordman). Free admission. 332–1341.*

★**Kitty Bartholomew: Liberty Borders.** This home decorator discusses her book ***Decorating in Style.*** Also, signing. *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**"The Turbulent Life of Zelda Fitzgerald": Ann Arbor District Library.** U-M English professor Joshua Miller discusses the paintings of the famous—and famously troubled—wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald. In conjunction with the current AADL exhibit, *Zelda by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald. 7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level) 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of Jane Austen's early novel ***Northanger Abbey,*** a send-up of the conventions of the gothic fiction popular in the late 18th century

7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.

★History Readers Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. EMU history lecturer Marsha Ackermann leads a discussion of her book ***Cool Comfort: America's Romance with Air Conditioning.*** *7:30 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 111 E. Ann. Free. 369–2499.*

★"Running": Vie Fitness and Spa. Running experts discuss shoe fit, proper running form, and running technique. All levels of runners welcome. *7:30 p.m., Vie Fitness and Spa, 209 S. Ashley. Free. Preregistration requested. 665–2156.*

Loudon Wainwright III: The Ark. This veteran singer-songwriter is known for his mordant, occasionally bitterly self-mocking, often poignant, and usually very funny original songs about himself, other people, and contemporary culture. His recent CDs include *Little Ship,* a deliciously unsettling tour of the soulscape of middle age, and *Social Studies,* a collection of a wicked decade's–worth of PBS-commissioned satires of everyone from Jesse Helms and President Clinton to Tonya Harding and O. J. Simpson. Wainwright is also a purposefully weird performer, at once ingratiatingly Chaplinesque and freakishly ill at ease. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $20 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. *June 8–12.* This festival of new plays features staged readings of new plays by 9 southeast Michigan theater troupes, as well as Heartlande Theater's annual short-play marathon (see 11 Saturday listing). Some of the readings include talkback sessions with the playwright. Also, festival pass holders are invited to nightly wrap parties ($5 suggested donation) in the Performance Network lobby. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* The Performance Network presents ***The Bourgie Willie B*** (8 p.m.), Susan Johnston's farcical romp about a married Manhattan stockbroker with superfly pretensions whose life blows up when his wife and daughter find out about his schemes to woo hip-hop star Nikki D, and Eric Maher directs the Planet Ant Theater in Daniel Roth's ***Two Men in a Box*** (11 p.m.). *8 & 11 p.m., Performance Network Shure Theater, 120 E. Huron. Tickets $5 suggested donation per reading, $50 & $75 festival pass in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. For reservations or to charge by phone, call 663–0681.*

"The Ladies Show": Improv Inferno. See 1 Wednesday. 8 & 10 p.m.

Luciano: The Blind Pig. Jamaican reggae star whose songs focus on issues of cultural empowerment and spiritual righteousness. He is backed by **The Jah Messenjah Band** and guest saxophonist **Dean Fraser.** *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $20 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, $25 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

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9 THURSDAY

Ice Cream Social: Angell Elementary School. Cakewalk, fishing pond, dunk tank, and a variety of treats. *6–7:30 p.m., Angell, 1608 South University. Free admission; nominal cost for food and games. 994–1907.*

"Art Night": The Scrap Box. All invited to bring a current art project for a group show and tell, idea swap, and a chance to pick up new low-cost scraps. *6:30 p.m., The Scrap Box, 581 State Circle. $5. 994–0012.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

"Pilsners": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about pilsners from around the world. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. *7–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets $25 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213–1393.*

★"What Foods to Eat and Avoid if You Have Arthritis": Whole Foods Market. Talk by local holistic physician Darren Schmidt. *7–8 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★"Pop! Music": U-M Museum of Art 2nd Thursday Performance Series. U-M music professor Michael Daugherty, a prominent composer whose work often takes its inspiration from pop culture icons, discusses and demonstrates some of his works, which include a symphonic tribute to the Superman

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U8 Girls	8/1/97-7/31/98	S June 18	10:30 am-12:00 pm	Su June 19	2:30-4:00 pm
U9 Boys	8/1/96-7/31/97	Th June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	S June 18	10:30 am-12:00 pm
U9 Girls	8/1/96-7/31/97	Th June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	S June 18	10:30 am-12:00 pm
U10 Boys	8/1/95-7/31/96	W June 15	6:45-8:15 pm	F June 17	5:00-6:30 pm
U10 Girls	8/1/95-7/31/96	Th June 16	6:45-8:15 pm	S June 18	2:30-4:00 pm
U11 Boys	8/1/94-7/31/95	W June 15	5:00-6:30 pm	F June 17	6:45-8:15 pm
U11 Girls	8/1/94-7/31/95	Th June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	S June 18	12:30-2:00 pm
U12 Boys	8/1/93-7/31/94	W June 15	6:45-8:15 pm	F June 17	5:00-6:30 pm
U12 Girls	8/1/93-7/31/94	Th June 16	6:45-8:15 pm	S June 18	2:30-4:00 pm
U13 Boys	8/1/92-7/31/93	W June 15	5:00-6:30 pm	F June 17	6:45-8:15 pm
U13 Girls	8/1/92-7/31/93	Th June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	S June 18	12:30-2:00 pm
U14 Boys	8/1/91-7/31/92	W June 15	6:45-8:15 pm	F June 17	5:00-6:30 pm
U14 Girls	8/1/91-7/31/92	Th June 16	6:45-8:15 pm	S June 18	2:30-4:00 pm
U15 Boys	8/1/90-7/31/91	W June 15	5:00-6:30 pm	F June 17	6:45-8:15 pm
U15 Girls	8/1/90-7/31/91	Th June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	S June 18	12:30-2:00 pm
U16 Boys	8/1/89-7/31/90	W June 15	6:45-8:15 pm	F June 17	5:00-6:30 pm
U16 Girls	8/1/89-7/31/90	Th June 16	6:45-8:15 pm	S June 18	2:30-4:00 pm
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comics, an opera devoted to Jackie O., and ensembles inspired by episodes of *I Love Lucy. 7 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.*

★History of Books & Printing Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to join a discussion of Christopher Morley's ***Parnassus on Wheels*** and ***The Haunted Bookshop.*** Refreshments. *7–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 111 E. Ann. Free. 669–0451.*

★Terry Gamble: Nicola's Books. This San Francisco writer, a U-M grad, discusses ***Good Family,*** her sophomore novel about a 40-something filmmaker who returns to her childhood home to comfort her dying mother, where she confronts family secrets and troubling episodes from her own past. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

Asleep at the Wheel: The Ark. Founded in the early 70s by singer-guitarist Ray Benson, this celebrated Austin-based western swing revivalist band has become a pivotal country music institution. Its 1997 CD *Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys* features guest vocals by everyone from Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard to Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $30 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. *June 9–11, 16–19, & 23–25.* Joe Zettelmaier directs Keith Bunin's epic fantasy about an Everyman trying to find his way home. Framed by a geographer's lecture about the fabled lost country of Adamus, the action moves back in time to the moment when castaway Adam is rescued. He sets off on a voyage to find his lost kingdom, wins a princess's hand, and becomes a father, only to endure tragedy. The cast includes Brian Thibault, Chris Williams, Rebecca Staffend, Joe Colosi, Dan Morrison, and Ahmed Musilmani. *Note:* Bring a new unused personal care item, which will be donated to SOS Crisis Center, and receive $3 off the ticket price. *8 p.m., Blackbird Theater, 1600 Pauline (at Kay Pkwy. east of Stadium). Tickets $17 (seniors, $12; students, $7; Thursdays, all tickets $5) in advance and at the door. 332–3848.*

"Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. *June 9–12.* Chris O'Brien directs local actors in the popular Fred Ebb and John Kander Broadway musical about decadence in Germany during the rise of Nazism, based on Christopher Isherwood's *Berlin Diaries.* A dark, unsettling drama whose power is sharpened by its seductive, glittery surface, the action concerns the romance between an American writer and a sultry British cabaret performer. The cast includes John Jarboe, January Provenzola, Karl Kasischke, Kaarina Quinnell, David Curtis, Jeff Difranco, and Laura Rodriguez. The Saturday matinee is a benefit for the HIV/AIDS Resource Center. *8 p.m., Mendelssohn Theater. Tickets $15 on Thurs., $23 (students & seniors, $21) on Fri. & Sun., $25 on Sat. in advance or at the door. 971–2228.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. See 8 Wednesday. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* Mary Rychlewski directs the Heartlande Theater Company in ***Down on Memminger*** (5 p.m.), Kirby Fields's drama about a young man suffering through a debilitating illness who returns home to discover that not even those he loves can make the pain go away, and John Manfredi directs the Meadowbrook Theater Ensemble in ***Little Bear Women*** (8 p.m.), Dennis E. North's historical drama about a pioneer woman, captured as a child and lovingly raised by the Miami tribe, who struggles to remain "Indian forever" even as late in her life her Christian family still hopes for her return. *In the Performance Network Mosh Pit Theater:* Staged reading TBA (5 p.m.). The Performance Network presents ***American Klepto*** (5 p.m.), Allison Moore's drama about a woman who discovers that the genetic anomaly she inherited from her father connects her to the ancient Anasazi tribe, and a reprise of ***Down on Memminger*** (8 p.m.). 5 & 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm Night": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Catfight": Improv Inferno. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"High Octane": Improv Inferno. See 2 Thursday. 10 p.m.

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10 FRIDAY

★"Dressage at Waterloo": Waterloo Hunt Club. *June 10–12.* This competitive equine ballet by skilled area horses and riders is highlighted by dazzling, graceful freestyle routines set to music, and features moves such as the *piaffe* (trotting in place), the *levade* (rearing up), and the *capriole* (leaping up). Bring your own lawn chairs; no pets. Food concessions. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Waterloo Hunt Club, corner of Glenn and Katz, Grass Lake. (Take I-94 west to exit 150, go north 2 miles on Mount Hope Rd., and turn right onto Glenn.) Free. 426–2088.*

★The Yiddish Group: Jewish Community Center. All invited for readings and discussion of Yiddish literature selections TBA. Also, singing of Yiddish songs. *1:30–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★Outdoor Adventure Center Tour: Huron Valley Sierra Club. Join Sierra Club members for a tour of this local facility on the U-M sports campus that offers lessons in wilderness medicine and a variety of wilderness trips. *5 p.m., meet at City Hall parking lot to carpool. Free. 677–0823.*

Ice Cream Social: Carpenter Elementary School. Two different moon walks, a bean bag toss, dart toss, arcade games, and a cake decorating contest that involves a "cake and hat walk." Raffle. Traveling tacos (taco ingredients poured into a small bag of corn chips), popcorn, snow cones, and hot dogs. *5:30–8 p.m., Carpenter, 4250 Central Blvd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 971–5903.*

Ice Cream Social: Pittsfield Elementary School. A variety of games, with pizza, ice cream, and other treats. *5:30–8:30 p.m., Pittsfield Elementary, 2543 Pittsfield Blvd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 971–5905.*

Ice Cream Social: Wines School. A moon walk, carnival games, and a chance for fifth graders to endure the dunk tank, which an organizer calls a "rite of passage" at Wines. Cotton candy and other food available. *5:30–8:30 p.m., Wines School, 1701 Newport Rd. Free admission; nominal charge for food and games. 994–1973.*

Ice Cream Social: Haisley Elementary School. A cakewalk, games with prizes, and face painting. Pizza, cotton candy, and ice cream. *6–8 p.m., Haisley Elementary School, 825 Duncan Rd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1937.*

Ice Cream Social: Northside Elementary School. A cakewalk, silent auction, dunk tank, and other games. Pizza and hot dogs, drinks, and ice cream. *6–8 p.m., Northside, 912 Barton Dr. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1958.*

4th Annual Auction Gala: Women's Center of America. *See "Feminism Alive Again," p. 45.* Live and silent auctions of donated local goods and services that include jewelry, dinners at the Chop House, an ice cream party for 120, and other items. Also, supper and an ice cream sundae bar from Washtenaw Dairy. Cash bar. *6 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Bldg. atrium and Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $35 in advance, $40 at the door. 973–6779.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

★"Capitalism at the Crossroads: The Unlimited Business Opportunities in Solving the World's Most Difficult Problems": Ann Arbor District Library. Cornell University management professor Stuart Hart discusses his new book exploring how companies can identify sustainable products to drive economic growth. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★Crazy Wisdom Reading Circle: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. All invited to discuss Marshall Rosenberg's ***Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life.*** *7 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★"The End of Suburbia": Older Lesbians Organizing. All lesbians invited to join club members for this DVD screening. Also, on June 26, a trip to Hidden Lake Gardens (call for info). *7:30 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun. Free. 482–2996.*

★Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. *June 10 & 24.* All invited to join this ongoing study group to discuss Rudolf Steiner's lecture cycle *According to Matthew.* Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. *8–9:30 p.m., 33 Ridgeway East (1 block east of the Arb entrance on Geddes). Free. 662–6398.*

Josh White Jr.: The Ark. Known for his powerful, intense singing and his virtuosity on 6-string and 12-string guitars, White sings in a more modern style than his famous folksinger father. His blues, gospel, and folk repertoire includes many of his father's best–known songs as well as several upbeat, inspirational originals. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

The Degas Quartet and other artists perform at Kerrytown Concert House's MiniFest '05 June 17, 24, & 26.

★**Spring Concert: Ann Arbor Dance Works.** *June 10 & 11.* The U-M dance department's internationally acclaimed resident professional company presents a program of new and repertory works by guest choreographer **Jeanne Parsons Bostian,** a former U-M dance professor, and **Beth Wielinski** and U-M dance professors **Robin Wilson, Gay Delanghe,** and **Jessica Fogel.** Local dancer-choreographer Christina Sears Etter performs Bostian's solo *Alleluia,* and Wielinski performs her new solo, *Praise Emptiness,* a dance performed at a pace suggestive of a spring flower opening with a score by the contemporary music ensemble Clock and Body. Wielinski also joins Shawn Bible to perform Delanghe's *Freeze Frame,* inspired by the work of the 19th-century photographer Eadweard Muybridge. It is set to excerpts from Philip Glass's *The Photographer,* which also takes its inspiration from Muybridge. Susannah Windell and Julie Leppelmeier premiere Fogel's untitled setting of a poem by Martha Graham Wiseman, a duet depicting a woman's younger and older selves. The staging features a pair of elegant revolving mirrored doors created by U-M art professor Satoru Takahashi, and the score is by Gerard Schultz, who also creates a video projection of the poetic text. Wilson presents 2 excerpts from her *Slave Moth,* a large-scale multidisciplinary work, inspired by the poetry of U-M English professor Thylias Moss's book-length poem about an antebellum slave girl on her path to freedom. *8 p.m., U-M Duderstadt Center Video Studio, 2281 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free; donations accepted. Space limited; reservations strongly recommended. 647–2287.*

"Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern": Comic Opera Guild. *June 10–12 & 17–19 (different programs).* Adam Aceto directs local actors in concert versions of 6 different shows by Jerome Kern, a major contributor to the American songbook. Each show is accompanied on 2 pianos by Aceto and Patrick Johnson. Tonight: ***Have a Heart.*** The manager of a department store is headed for divorce after his wife finds out he's trying to help the acting career of a shop girl. Just as he smoothes things out, the girl, now an actress, shows up to upset the applecart. Cast: David Troiano, Greg Wakefield, Diane McEwen-Martin, Michael Parr, Dan Anderson, Suzanne Galer, Kim Parr, Tom Petiet, and Dennis Eagle. Tonight's performance is preceded by a talk (7:15 p.m.) by a panel of local experts TBA. *8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Tickets $15 (students & kids, $7; 3 shows, $36; 6 shows, $60) in advance and at the door. 763–8587.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. See 8 Wednesday. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* Tony Caselli directs the Williamston Theater Project in Ed Simpson's comedy ***Additional Particulars*** (5 p.m.), and the Performance Network presents ***American Klepto*** (8 p.m.), Allison Moore's drama about a woman who discovers that the genetic anomaly she inherited from her father connects her to the ancient Anasazi tribe. *In the Performance Network Mosh Pit Theater:* David Regal directs the Meadowbrook Theater Ensemble in ***Borrowed Heaven*** (5 p.m.), Travis Walker's drama about 2 girls recovering from the loss of their mother, and a reprise of ***Additional Particulars*** (8 p.m.). 5 & 8 p.m.

"Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10 p.m.

B. T.: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *June 10 & 11.* Ann Arbor debut of this popular African American comic from L.A. known for his energetic, fast-paced riffs about current events and cultural conditions. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. *8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio: Dreamland Theater. This local acoustic jazz trio led by guitarist Summers performs the music of Django Reinhardt and other European Gypsy composers. With bassist Dave Sharp and guitarist Chris Moyer. *8:30 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $5. 657–2337.*

★**Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society.** All invited to peer through the telescope on the Angell Hall roof for celestial visions. Members of the U-M Student Astronomical Society are on hand to answer questions. *10 p.m.–midnight, fifth floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (from the large State St. entrance, take one of the elevators on the left). Free. 936–3626.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Mad Hot Ballroom" (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). *June 10–16.* Documentary that follows inner-city New York elementary school children as they participate in an annual ballroom dancing competition. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

11 SATURDAY

★**"Oak Openings Field Trip": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** WAS member Jacco Gelderloos leads a field trip to this metro park about 10 miles west of Toledo, once part of a patchwork of oak savannas that covered as much as 30 million acres, to look for hooded warblers, lark sparrows, and other unusual resident birds. Bring a lunch; dress for the weather (and insects). *6:45 a.m. departure (arrive 15 minutes early for directions or to arrange carpool), meet at Briarwood mall parking lot area #5 (near Sears). Free. 973–9422.*

★**"Early Bird Walk": Ann Arbor Parks Department.** City ornithologist Dea Armstrong leads a bird identification walk through Furstenberg Nature Area. Bring your own binoculars, if you have any. *7:30–9:30 a.m., meet at Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 662–6319.*

★**"Volunteer Stewardship Workday": Ann Arbor Parks Department.** See 4 Saturday. Today: help spruce up the trails in **Miller Nature Area** (9 a.m.–noon) and help maintain the trails and remove litter from **Lakewood Nature Area** (1–4 p.m.). *9 a.m.–noon, meet at the Arborview Blvd. entrance (west of Linda Vista off Miller), & 1–4 p.m., meet at the Lakewood Elementary School parking lot off Gralake Ave. south off Jackson. Free. 996–3266.*

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★**Tractor Pull: Michigan Tractor Pullers Association.** A day of old-time tractor-pullin' fun, with farm stock, antique, classic, and pickup classes. The tractors pit their might against the dreaded weight transfer machine, a tricky device that somehow makes weight heavier as the pull progresses. One particularly exciting class is the rowdy farm stock class, which has no speed limit out of the gate. "We go as fast as our horsepower allows," enthuses an organizer. Concessions. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free admission. 587–3466.*

15th Annual Garden Walk: National Farm and Garden Association Ann Arbor Branch. *See review, p. 83.* A chance to visit 7 unusual and varied gardens in neighborhoods around Ann Arbor, including a children's garden at a school, a courtyard garden, an award-winning garden and a seeded garage roof on the Old West Side, a combo English-woodland garden, and a sun-and-shade garden in Arbor Hills. Drive between gardens. Lunch available at the Glacier Hills Retirement Community (noon and 1 p.m.; reservations required at 929–6782). Proceeds benefit a Tappan Middle School agrarian program. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., self-guided tour. Tickets & maps $10 in advance at Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, Dixboro General Store, the Wild Bird Center & Quinn's Essentials in Ypsilanti's Depot Town, and at each garden on the day of the walk. 662–8661.*

★**"End of the School Year Party": Arborland Borders.** Kids ages 6–12 invited to celebrate the end of school with a story read by a Borders staffer and a craft. *11 a.m., Borders computer section, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 449–9394.*

★**"Make a Father's Day Card": Ann Arbor District Library.** Kids age 3 & older (accompanied by their moms) invited to make a Father's Day card for their dad, grandpa, or uncle. *11 a.m.–noon (Northeast Branch), 2–3 p.m. (Malletts Creek Branch), & 3–4 p.m. (West Branch). Free. 327–4200.*

★**American Girl Club: Barnes & Noble.** All girls ages 7–12 invited to delve into the world of the American Girl collection of historical dolls. This month's discussion book TBA. Other materials provided. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 973–0846.*

21st Annual Showcase of Homes: Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County. *June 11–19.* A chance to browse through 25 newly furnished, decorated, and landscaped homes in and around Ann Arbor, including a home heated and cooled by geothermal energy, a French country manor with a hidden secret room, and a technology-filled house overlooking a wetland. *Noon–8 p.m. (June 11, 12, 15, 18, & 19) & 5–8 p.m. (June 13, 14, 16, & 17). Maps and brochures available in advance at the HBA office (179 Little Lake Dr.) & at any Showcase home. Tickets $10 (children 3–16, $5; children 2 & under, free) good for the duration of the show. 996–0100.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. See 8 Wednesday. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* The Heartlande Theater Company presents a **"Marathon of Short Plays,"** 6 sessions each featuring 4 different new short plays. Each session is presented twice. There is a potluck reception (bring a dish to pass) at 5:45 p.m. *Noon & 7:30 p.m.:* ***Oh Brothers!,*** Joe Feinstein's comedy about a miser's last wish for his spendthrift brother; ***The Gas Crisis,*** John Wencel's comedy about the true nature of intimacy; ***Driver's Ed,*** Steven Schutzman's drama about the fine line in adolescence between innocence and world-weariness; and ***The Catharsis,*** Kristyn Leigh Robinson's seriously whimsical comedy. *1 & 6:30 p.m.:* ***Hidden in the Past,*** Michael Casano's play about a girl whose school essay stirs long-buried feelings in her immigrant grandmother; ***Subject,*** Aoise Stratford's comedy about the artist's bond with his muse; ***The Weight of the World,*** Matt Bell's drama about a woman who finds she must unburden herself before her plane can reach its destination; and ***WMD,*** veteran local playwright Al Sjoerdsma's comedy about the deadliest of all weapons. *2 & 9:30 p.m.:* ***Tomorrow's Cookies,*** Mark Barrera's comedy about an old man, a young couple, and the future of a bakery; ***Save,*** Adam Szymkowicz's drama about a young woman who comes across a journal entry she thought she'd destroyed; ***All the World,*** Chelsea playwright Steve Daut's comedy that fractures the wall between fiction and reality; and ***An Emotional Memory for Happy Carrot,*** Steve Mitchell's comedy about vegetables.

*& 8:30 p.m.: **In View of,*** U-M grad Kenyon Brown's drama exploring the way what we see depends on where we're looking; ***Touch Me,*** Janet Torreano Pound's comedy about a high school dance, set 30 years after graduation; ***Have Your Say,*** Cary Pepper's satire about the ultimate game show; and ***Unraveled,*** local playwright Callie McKee's lyrical drama about the connection between a mother and daughter. *4 & 11:20 p.m.: **The Waiting Room,*** John Lewis's farce set in a hospital waiting room; ***Famous Last Words,*** local playwright John Ardussi's comedy about a man who tries to talk his grandmother out of spending the rest of her life preparing to die; ***Heart of the Fire,*** Rich Orloff's drama about a man's attempt to bring about a reconciliation between his mother and his embittered sister; and ***The Kiss,*** Mark Harvey Levine's comic drama exploring what separates friends from lovers. *5 & 10:30 p.m.: **Just Desserts,*** Carin Michaels's comedy about an anniversary celebration gone wrong; ***Chiaroscuro,*** Lisa Dillman's drama about the meaning of words; ***Coffee Boy,*** Michael Van Kerckhove's comedy about the romantic fantasies of a lowly office worker; and ***Three-Minute Friendship,*** an excerpt from *Pieces of Whitey,* Patrick Gabridge's comedy about a well-meaning white playwright attempting to lead a more integrated life. Noon–midnight.

★"Free Fishing Day": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. This weekend only, no license is required to fish, and this afternoon Hudson Mills supplies tackle and bait for those who'd like to take advantage of this chance to fish for free. *1–3 p.m., Hudson Mills Rapids View Area, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426–8211.*

Benefit Concert: Ann Arbor Alive.com Radio. A minifestival of local music. The lineup: **Sari Brown** (1 p.m.) is a talented young local singer-songwriter who writes folk-style story songs with poetic lyrics and a strong political sensibility. **The Blues Casters** (2 p.m.) is a local blues band. **Mr. Largebeat** (3 p.m.) is a big-beat space-rock band led by veteran local singer-songwriter Jim Gertz, who plays a theremin (the original synthesizer) and percussion. **The Terraplanes** (4 p.m.) is a local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of house-rocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. Proceeds benefit the local Internet radio station at annarboralive.com. *1–6 p.m., West Park band shell. Free; donations requested. 761–6874.*

★"Washtenaw Pride": Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project. Gay men, lesbians, friends, and families invited to this picnic with food, games, and information booths. An entertainment stage features local musicians and performers TBA. Followed by an afterglow (donation) at Frog Island Brew Pub at 4 East Forest, with a "hot date auction," drag entertainment, dancing, and cocktails. *1–7 p.m., Frog Island Park, Ypsilanti. Free. 995–9867.*

"Secret Space Garden": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Parents and kids invited to learn how to create a tepee garden that doubles as a child's miniplayhouse. *2–3 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. $10 per kit plus $2 per participant. Preregistration required. 998–7061.*

"A Year with Frog and Toad": EMU Theater of the Young. *June 11, 12, 17, & 18.* EMU drama professor Ken Stevens directs Willie and Robert Reale's bubbly Tony Award-winning musical adaptation of Arnold Lobel's warmly comic stories about these animal friends who stick together through thick and thin. The musical follows them as they awake in the spring from a long sleep to plant gardens, swim their way through summer, rake leaves in the fall, and go sledding as the weather turns colder. Along the way, they encounter a variety of colorful characters as they learn about life and friendship. Aimed at theatergoers age 5 & older. The cast of mostly high school students includes Ann Arbor senior Joy Williams and freshman Marcie Grambeau, Brighton senior Phil Park, and Grand Ledge junior Michael Williams, along with Grand Blanc grad student Ben Frick. *2 & 7 p.m., Sponberg Theater, Ford St., EMU campus, Ypsilanti. (Take Huron River Dr. east to Lowell St. Take Lowell to Ford St. and turn right onto Ford. The theater is on the left, with parking on the right.) Tickets $9–$14 (kids ages 5–12, $6) in advance and at the door. 487–1221.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. See 8 Wednesday. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* The Heartlande Theater Company presents a **"Marathon of Short Plays"** (see noon listing above). *In the Performance Network Mosh Pit Theater:* Plowshares Theater presents staged readings TBA (2 & 5 p.m.), and John Manfredi directs the Meadowbrook Theater Ensemble in ***Little Bear Women*** (8 p.m.), Dennis E. North's historical drama about a pioneer woman, captured as a child and lovingly raised by the Miami tribe, who struggles to remain "Indian forever" even as late in her life her Christian family still hopes for her return. *In the Blackbird Theater (1600 Pauline):* David Regal directs the Meadowbrook Theater ensemble in ***Borrowed Heaven*** (2 p.m.), Travis Walker's drama about 2 girls recovering from the loss of their mother, and the Performance Network presents ***The Bourgie Willie B*** (5 p.m.), Susan Johnston's farcical romp about a married Manhattan stockbroker with superfly pretensions whose life blows up when his wife and daughter find out about his schemes to woo hip-hop star Nikki D. 2 & 5 p.m.

★"Under the Sea": Ann Arbor Quest Center. Kids 7–12 invited to try out some martial arts moves and kicks, play games, and enjoy a snack. *6:30–9 p.m., Quest Center, 2111 Packard. Free. Preregistration required. 332–1800.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

"Overflow": The Neutral Zone. Performances by representatives from several Neutral Zone programs, including DJ training, break dancing, beat making, and others. All high school age youths invited. *7–11:30 p.m., The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main. $5 (teens, $3). 214–9995.*

William Bolcom and Joan Morris: Chelsea Musical Celebrations. A concert of American popular song from the late 19th century through the 20s and 30s by pianist Bolcom (also a Pulitzer Prize–winning composer) and mezzo-soprano Morris. This Ann Arbor husband-and-wife duo are world renowned for cabaret-style performances of early American popular song. A writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times* called them "the best thing to happen to American popular song since the invention of sheet music." *7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle, Chelsea. Tickets $22 (seniors & youths, $15; families, $67) in advance and at the door. 475–7050.*

★"Rocktacular Rockathon": Ann Arbor Music Center Rock Band School. Several bands of AAMC student musicians ages 10–17 perform covers of Led Zeppelin, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and other classic and modern rock bands. *7:30 p.m., Starbucks, 1214 South University. Free. 665–0375.*

★"Independent Film and Video Showcase": Dreamland Theater. Screening of short films and videos by local filmmakers, who each give a short talk before their film. If you want to submit a film, call ahead to reserve a spot. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Free. 657–2337.*

Ann Doyle: The Ark. This gifted local singer-songwriter, known for her haunting songs about romance and heartbreak, presents a program showcasing her new and recent songs, including material from her new CD, *Ready to Move*. An excellent guitarist who sings in a voice that is at once ethereal and earthy, she writes searchingly passionate, brightly figured lyrical ballads that are both poignant and edged with a wry humor. She is accompanied by pianist Doug Howell and drummer Danny Cox. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $13.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Till the Clouds Roll By": A Festival of Jerome Kern: Comic Opera Guild. See 10 Friday. Tonight: ***Very Good, Eddie!*** Two honeymooning couples are taking a cruise on a Hudson River steamboat. When one bride gets stranded with the wrong groom, they have to pretend to be married in order to avoid scandal, a scheme that soon goes hilariously awry. Cast: Michael Parr, Suzanne Galer, Kim Dolanski, Mitch Gillett, Kristin Walukas, Dennis Eagle, Lynn Bishop, Tom Petiet, Milena Grubor. Tonight's performance is preceded by a **talk** (7:15 p.m.) by Michael Miller, a local expert on the period. 8 p.m.

Spring Concert: Ann Arbor Dance Works. See 10 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 9 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Comedy Improv: Tilt. *June 11 & 25.* An evening of comic sketches in various styles. The performers springboard from a premise suggested by the audience into loopy situations riddled with surreal dialogue, all presented as serenely sane, similar to *Second City* routines and the TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* All Tilt shows sell out, so get your tickets early. *8 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater studio, 322 W. Ann. Wheelchair-accessible. Tickets $5 in advance and at the door. 669–6241.*

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10 p.m.

B. T.: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 10 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers. A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments at the Peach Mountain Observatory. The observatory's huge, 24-inch Mc-

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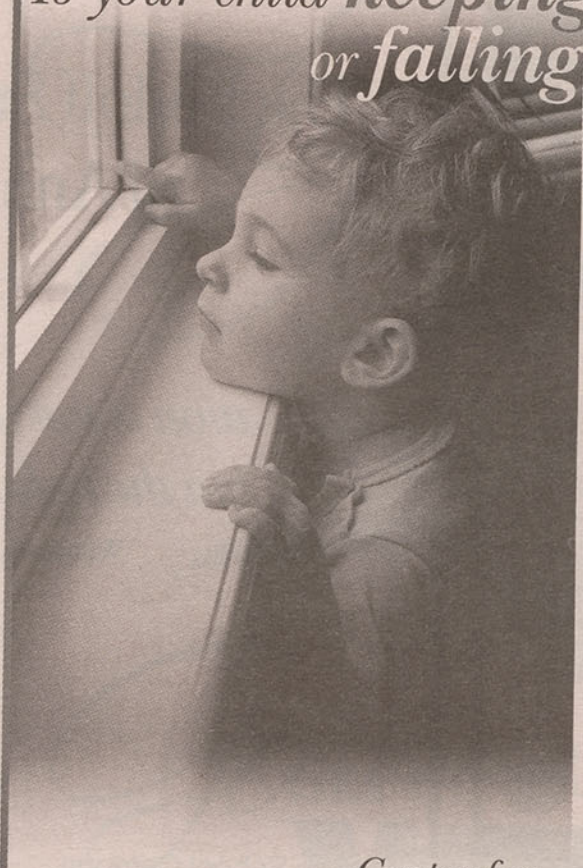
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Math telescope is operational, but participants are nevertheless encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset or if the weather is extremely inclement. *8:45 p.m.–12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear), Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1¼ miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. 332–9132.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Mad Hot Ballroom" (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). See 10 Friday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

12 SUNDAY

★**"Birds of Western Washtenaw and Eastern Jackson Counties": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** WAS members lead a car trip to look for cerulean and hooded warblers, grasshopper and Henslow's sparrows, dickcissels, sedge wrens, and black terns. *7:15 a.m. departure (arrive 15 minutes early for directions or to arrange carpool), meet at Wendy's, Jackson at Zeeb. Free. 973–9422.*

Ann Arbor Triathlon/Duathlon: Athletic Ventures. All invited to compete in a triathlon (half-mile swim, 14-mile bike race, and 5-mile run) or duathlon (14-mile bike race sandwiched between 2- and 5-mile runs) in Pinckney State Recreation Area. Awards 5-deep for ages 15–17, 18 & 19, 80 & over, and 5-year age groups 20–79; 3-deep for Athenas (women over 150 pounds) and Clydesdales (men over 200 pounds). Proceeds benefit Dexter High School. *Note:* This race has a limit of 650 participants and has sold out for the past 4 years, so register early. *8 a.m., Half-moon Lake Beach, Pinckney Recreation Area, Hankerd Dr. (1¼ miles north of North Territorial Rd.). Entry fees: $64 by May 31, $74 after June 1. USAT members receive $9 discount. Park vehicle entry fee: $6. Entry forms available at local sporting goods stores and at eliteendeavors.com. (419) 829–2398.*

★**"Cement City and Grass Lake Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 100-mile and fast/moderate-paced 70-mile rides to Grass Lake for lunch, ice cream, and/or dips in the lake. Also, at 10 a.m. a slow-paced 40-mile ride to the same destination leaves from Pierce's Pastries Plus on Middle St. in Chelsea. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 434–3097 (100-mile ride), 665–8311 (70-mile ride), 994–3001 (40-mile ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"All about Dragonflies": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to look for these ancient jewel-like insects. *10 a.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings (Take US-23 north to Six Mile Rd. exit and follow the signs.) Free ($4 per vehicle park entry fee). 971–6337.*

★**Tours of Sharon Mills: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike around this park on the River Raisin that features a beautiful multicolored stone house, a wooden mill, and a former winery, plus spots for fishing, canoeing, and picnicking. *1–4 p.m., Sharon Mills Park, 5701 Sharon Hollow Rd., Manchester. Free. 971–6337.*

Open House: U-M Detroit Observatory. *June 12 & 18.* Docent-guided tour of the photographs and artifacts in this restored 19th-century observatory museum. Also, a chance to pull the rope that rotates the telescope dome. *1–4 p.m., U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann at Observatory. $5 suggested donation (U-M students, free). 763–2230.*

★**Auditions: Ann Arbor Civic Theater.** *June 12, 13, 25, & 26.* All invited to try out for a part in Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* (June 12 & 13) and Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* (June 25 & 26). *1–5 p.m. (June 12), 7–10 p.m. (June 13), noon–6 p.m. (June 25), and 6–10 p.m. (June 26). Free. 971–2228.*

"New Techniques from an Ancient Art": Astrology Study Group of Washtenaw County. Local astrologist Geoff Hoebbel discusses how to find one's chart's "guardian" and leads guided meditations about the planets and 4 elements. *1–5:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom community room, 114 S. Main. $25. 434–4555.*

"Nature's Tank: The Turtle": Waterloo Natural History Association. WNHA naturalist Tom Hodgson shows some live turtles and discusses their biology and life cycles, and what to do when you encounter them in the wild. *2 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) $2 (families, $5). Space limited; preregistra-*

fiction

Elizabeth Kostova

All-pervasive evil and the nature of the good

The quick way of summarizing Elizabeth Kostova's *The Historian*—a 650-page novel about vampires—does not come close to describing her accomplishment. Vampire books create expectations—prose perhaps a little overdone and lots of blood. The prose in Kostova's novel is exquisitely crafted, always clear and understated, and she was obviously working to avoid any but the most necessary gore. Her search for Dracula—even her version of Dracula himself—is almost entirely intellectual. And the success of her novel is that it remains completely spooky even as it stretches our brains.

She makes us care deeply about her characters. We follow the journeys—spiritual *and* physical—of three generations of historians as they follow the often obscure traces of the Undead through ancient and popular texts. These people—grandfather, daughter and son-in-law, and granddaughter—will drop everything to travel around the world to visit an unknown archive (an extraordinary amount of time in this book takes place in libraries), where they often find their lives and souls in ultimate peril. The book is structured around the ways they find to tell each other about their fascinating and terrifying discoveries. The reader often finds himself in a letter inside a document quoted in another letter. Another measure of Kostova's success is her ability to jumble all these documents and keep a strong—even compulsive—narrative drive propelling her readers forward.

These smart and courageous historians also find a way to love each other, and a way to protect that love even under the assault of unimaginable evil. Suddenly, readers find themselves thinking about the nature of love, and considering that perhaps anything we imagine as "good" is bound to our own mortality. It's an odd place to find oneself in the middle of a "vampire book."

Kostova spent ten years researching *The Historian,* traveling widely in Eastern Europe, learning languages and gleaning stories from obscure but picturesque places. Of all the attractions of this smart and frightening page-turner, one of the greatest is her description of places in Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungary, and the south of France. For instance, she describes a Bulgarian monastery that may or may not hide the tomb of Dracula:

[It] sat among high barren hills, partly forested and partly bare rock, close to the narrow river; even in early summer, the landscape was already dry, and I could easily imagine how the monks must have valued that nearby source of water. The outer walls were the same dun-colored stone as the hills around them. The monastery roofs were fluted red ceramic tiles. . . . The entrance to the monastery was a yawning archway, as perfectly dark as a hole in the ground.

Suddenly physical description gets ominous, and the all-pervasive figure of Dracula colors even the landscape.

This novel has gained an unprecedented international "buzz," but Ann Arbor's Elizabeth Kostova celebrates the launch of *The Historian* on her home turf—at the downtown Borders on Tuesday, June 14, and at Nicola's Books on Thursday, June 23.

—Keith Taylor

tion required. Vehicle entry fee: $6 daily, $24 annual pass ($6 for seniors 65 & over). 475–3170.

★**"Therapaws Paws to Read": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are invited to read one-on-one for 10 minutes to a dog that's been trained by Intermountain Therapy to help improve kids' reading skills by behaving as if it is interested in being read to. Appointments required. *2–4 p.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Friends of Four-Hand Piano.** Pianists of all abilities invited to bring their music for a casual afternoon of performing duets. An opportunity to meet other pianists and find partners for 4-hand and 2-piano music. Listeners welcome. *2 p.m., location TBA. Free. 485–5007, 971–6261.*

★**Shape Note Singing: The Ark/Ann Arbor Sacred Harp.** All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Songbooks available, but singers are encouraged to bring their own. *2–5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 747–9644, 761–1451.*

Advanced English Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Multiple callers lead a program of favorites to music by Childgrove. *2 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $10. 665–7704.*

Michigan New Works Festival: Performance Network/Blackbird Theater. See 8 Wednesday. *Today in the Performance Network Shure Theater:* Harold Jurkiewicz directs the Jewish Ensemble Theater in Steven Shapiro's ***The Journey of Nathan Strauss*** (2 p.m.). Nancy Rominger directs the Boarshead Theater in ***Canyon Suite*** (5 p.m.), Charles Erven's drama, set over the course of 3 decades in the same hotel room near the Grand Canyon, about a wide array of complicated characters seeking truth, love, and identity. Also, at 11 a.m., a town hall meeting on **"Challenges of New Work Development from Page to Stage."** *In the Performance Network Mosh Pit Theater:* The Blackbird Theater presents a staged reading of ***Dirt*** (2 p.m.), Barton Bund's drama about the play of power in sexual relationships, and a reprise of ***The Journey of Nathan Strauss*** (5 p.m.). *In the Blackbird Theater (1600 Pauline):* Darrell Glasgow directs Planet Ant Theater in ***Luck Lucy Lost*** (2 p.m.), Christopher Jason Williams's drama about a heroin addict, his prostitute sister, and a reporter whose search for the truth sheds light on the reality within appearances, and the Blackbird Theater reprises its staged reading of ***Dirt*** (5 p.m.). 2 & 5 p.m.

"Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 9 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"A Year with Frog and Toad": EMU Theater of the Young. See 11 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Pop!": U-M Museum of Art.** In conjunction with this new exhibit, UMMA curator Sean Ulmer discusses the major figures of Pop Art. *3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.*

★**"Bon Voyage Concert": Pioneer High School.** Send-off concert for Pioneer singers preparing to leave for Austria and Germany for 11 days of concertizing and sightseeing. The program will be chosen from these works: Ralph Manuel's "Alleluia," the Bahamian spiritual "All My Trials," the traditional American tune "Blow the Candles Out," the Ameri-

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12 SUNDAY *continued*

can folk song "Cindy," the spiritual "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," and John Higgins's medley of Gershwin songs. *3 p.m., PHS Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Free admission. 663–1947.*

"16th Annual Grillin' for Food Gatherers." This festive barbecue blowout fund-raiser features food, fun, and entertainment for all ages. Grilled sausages, chicken, and vegetables, salads, and desserts. Beer & wine available. Live music by top local performers, including honky-tonk and rockabilly to blues and swing by **George Bedard and the Kingpins,** country music by veteran local band **Mike Smith and the Cadillac Cowboys,** and an eclectic mix of rock 'n' roll originals and covers by **FUBAR** *(see review, p. 107).* Also, a silent auction of food-related items and a chance to learn about this food rescue program that delivers more than 3 tons of fresh salvaged food daily in Washtenaw County. Proceeds supply 20% of Food Gatherers' annual budget. Rain or shine. *3–8 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Tickets $50 (children 12 & under, $10) in advance, $60 (children 13 & under, $10) at the gate. 761–2796.*

"Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern": Comic Opera Guild. See 10 Friday. Tonight: ***The Cabaret Girl.*** A young lord is in love with a shopgirl in a music emporium, but by marrying her he would forfeit his inheritance. He throws a big party filled with fake lords and ladies to try and help his sweetie impress his aunt, but things go awry. Case: Kim Dolanski, Dennis Eagle, David Troiano, Tom Petiet, Lynn Bishop, Suzanne Galer, Milena Grubor, Diane McEwen-Martin, Kim Parr, and Michael Parr. Tonight's performance is preceded by a talk (7:15 p.m.) by a panel of local experts TBA. 3 p.m.

★Gospel Concert: New Hope Baptist Church. The church's adult Progressive Choir performs a program of gospel songs. Followed by a reception with light refreshments. *4 p.m., NHBC, 218 Chapin. Freewill offering. 994–4620.*

★Queer Fiction Book Club. All invited to discuss Rita Mae Brown's ***Rubyfruit Jungle.*** *4:30–6 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 663–0036.*

★"Booked for Murder" Mystery Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss 2 murder mysteries with a fire theme, Nevada Barr's ***Firestorm*** and Peter Robinson's ***Playing with Fire.*** *4:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 769–2149.*

★Ann Arbor Morris Dancers. *Every Sunday.* All invited to try an outdoor session of this boisterous, jingly, ancient English ceremonial dance said to have originated a millennium ago as a pantomime of war between Moors and Crusaders. Wear athletic shoes. *6–8 p.m., minipark between Rackham & the Frieze Bldg. Free. 747–8138.*

★10th Annual Student Showcase: Swing City Dance Studio. Teen, youth, and preschool dancers. The teens dance to "September," swing dance to "Sing, Sing, Sing," and perform a traditional English clog dance, "Rapper Sword." Youth dancers tap dance to "L-O-V-E" and "La Bamba" and jazz dance to "Car Wash" and "Do You Love Me?" The preschoolers perform the ever-popular "Barnyard Dance," which involves bouncing with a bunny, rambling with a turkey, and bowing to a cow. *6 p.m., Forsythe Middle School Auditorium, 1655 Newport Rd. Free. 668–7782.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

"The Reality Buffet": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 7 p.m.

Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory: The Ark. Hart is a highly regarded acoustic blues singer-songwriter from Oakland, California. A protege of Taj Mahal who cites Gatemouth Brown as his mentor, Hart has released several CDs, *Down in the Alley,* an album on which, according to critic Greil Marcus, "Hart wears the old blues like clothes, kicking up a storm of banjo notes on 'Deep Blue Sea' for the pleasure of the sound, clattering around 'Broke and Hungry' as if it's his own apartment." His repertoire includes traditional and original country blues, along with a variety of related folk and pop forms. He performs tonight with his band. *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Whirligig": Dreamland Theater. A ring of artists moves slowly around the audience along the cozy Dreamland Theater walls, painting and drawing as they go. They are accompanied by an ensemble of local musicians who swap instruments now and then just for the heck of it. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Donation. 657–2337.*

"Get Up Stand Up": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 8:30 p.m.

"The Eye Candy Experience": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 10 p.m.

Cloud Cult: The Blind Pig. Artfully inventive indie band led by Minnesota singer-songwriter Craig Minowa, whose music blends pop-rock tunefulness, avant-noise dissonance, jazzy improvisation, classical textures, and brashly ambitious postpunk attitude. "It's even more liberating to hear a band throw caution to the heavens and audaciously present themselves in a way that sounds both vital and cathartic, leaving listeners with a euphoria that's all too rare in modern rock," says *Splendid Magazine* in its review of the band's new CD, *Advice from a Happy Hippopotamus.* Opening act is **Restroom Poets,** a popular local quartet, recently returned from a long hibernation, that plays lyrical, melodic, neopsychedelic rock 'n' roll. *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Summer Classics." "Goldfinger" (Guy Hamilton, 1964). *June 12 & 14.* 007 saves the West from economic ruin. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, 3 p.m. **"Mad Hot Ballroom"** (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). See 10 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

13 MONDAY

★Social Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *June 13 & 27.* All seniors age 55 & older invited to play this popular bridge format. No partner required. *12:45–3:45 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

Ice Cream Social: Dicken School. Carnival games, music, hot dogs, ice cream, pizza, and popcorn. Silent auction theme baskets. Raffle. *6–8 p.m., Dicken School, 2135 Runnymede. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1928.*

★The Barony of Cynnabar. *Every Monday except June 6.* All invited to join this local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism to work on re-creating different aspects of medieval culture, including combat, dancing, singing, clothing, and many other arts & crafts. *7 p.m., 1311 EECS, 1301 Beal, North Campus. Free. Information at cynnabar.org.*

★"Johnson's Island Confederate Prison: Archeological Finds and Preservation": Ann Arbor Area Civil War Round Table. Talk by Heidelberg College (Tiffin, Ohio) anthropology professor David Bush. *7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off Huron River Dr.). Free. 930–0617.*

★"Cognitive Mechanisms in Humor": National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Washtenaw County. Talk by U-M linguistics and psychology professor Richard Lewis. Also, presentation of NAMI's annual Community Service Awards. *7:30–9:30 p.m., St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. Free. 994–6611.*

Ex Nihilo: Kerrytown Concert House. Japanese cellist Hiromichi Sakamoto joins local artists TBA to perform original compositions and electroacoustic free improvisations, both lyrical and aggressive. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $10 (students, $5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

Connie Kaldor: The Ark. Veteran singer-songwriter from Saskatchewan with a gorgeous, riveting voice whose shows blend a down-to-earth charm, wry humor, and theatrical performing style. Her songs, which glide back and forth between comedy and confessional intimacy with perfect timing, explore the unexpected twists and turns of life and love. Opening act is local singer-songwriter **Eleni Kelakos,** an L.A. transplant who sings her songs about troubling matters like spousal abuse and gang violence in a luminous voice that *Music Reviews Quarterly* describes as possessing "an almost shocking clarity, unlike any singer since Joan Baez." *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $13.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

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14 TUESDAY

★"Garden Pictures & Rose Video": Good Thyme Garden Club. All invited to join a discussion of photos taken of gardens around town. Bring your photos. Also, screening of a video about rose gardens, in preparation for the club's trip to Great Lakes Roses in Belleville. *10 a.m., location TBA. Free. Preregistration required. 665–4703.*

★**"Children's Hour": Shaman Drum Bookshop.** *June 14 & 28.* Shaman Drum staff members read some of the store's new picture books, present a puppet show, and lead sing-alongs for kids ages 2–6. *11 a.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**Flag Day Ceremony: Arborcrest Memorial Park.** Local Boy and Girl Scouts dispose of old flags by burning them. Attendees can bring old American, POW-MIA, or other flags for proper disposal. *5 p.m., Arborcrest Memorial Park, 2521 Glazier Way (behind the VA hospital, ¼ mile west of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 761–4572.*

★**Ann Arbor Checkers and Draughts Society.** *June 14 & 28.* Adults invited to play checkers, or "draughts" (the British term). Also, participants can try to solve tricky end-of-game brainteasers. *6:30 p.m., downtown cafe TBA. Free. 827–0328.*

★**"Mongolian Costume and Textiles": American Sewing Guild.** Visiting Mongolian textile expert Jambal Ulziikhishig discusses Mongolian clothing and textiles. *6:30 p.m., Cloth Encounters, 1731 Plymouth Rd. Free. 332–0070.*

★**Euchre Night: Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project.** *June 14 & 28.* All invited to play this popular card game. *7 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 995–9867.*

★**"Untold Truths: Colon Crisis": Whole Foods Market.** Local herbalist Cindy Klement discusses colon cancer and colon health. *7–8 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**"Cohousing: Creating Sustainable and Vibrant Communities": People's Food Co-op.** Talk by designer-members of Touchstone Housing of Ann Arbor. Also, on June 26, Nick Meima hosts a tour of the Great Oaks Cohousing Community off Jackson just west of Wagner. *7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994–4589.*

★**Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department.** All age 21 & older invited to discuss ***House of Leaves,*** Mark Danielewski's acclaimed Pynchonesque epic. Refreshments. *7–9 p.m., 3184 Angell Hall. Free. 764–2553.*

★**Elizabeth Kostova: Liberty Borders.** *See review, p. 91.* This U-M grad and Hopwood Award winner reads from ***The Historian,*** her debut novel—eagerly anticipated among fans of gothic fiction—about a scholar's daughter who discovers an ominous book that leads her on a quest for the person who inspired the Dracula tales. Also, signing. Kostova also reads from her book at Nicola's on June 23 (see listing). *7 p.m., Borders cafe, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

"Cinema Slam": Michigan Theater Foundation. A lively, entertaining 2-hour smorgasbord of short films made by Ann Arborites, from VHS home movies to 35 mm films by independent filmmakers. All invited to submit a film in VHS, DVD, or miniDV format by June 4. "It's not a film till someone sees it!" Followed by an informal reception with the filmmakers at Espresso Royale on State Street. *7 p.m., Michigan Theater. $5. 646–9364.*

★**"Popular Jazz Pieces from the Zelda Fitzgerald Era": Ann Arbor District Library.** The duo of pianist **James Dapogny,** a U-M music professor, and vocalist **Susan Chastain,** owner of the Firefly Club, present a program drawn from the incredibly rich repertoire of jazz standards that originated in the 20s and 30s. In conjunction with the current AADL exhibit, *Zelda by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald. 7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**Thomas Lynch: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This internationally acclaimed poet and essayist who works as a funeral director in his hometown of Milford, reads from his ***Booking Passage: We Irish and Americans,*** a brilliant, often comic collection of essays about the lives of the neighbors and characters he has met in the 35 years he has been making periodic visits to the cottage in West Clare, Ireland, that his great-grandfather left when he emigrated to America in 1870. Signing, refreshments. *7 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**Sierra Club Book Club: Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss a book TBA. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 332–0207.*

★**"The Nuts and Bolts of Entering a Rose Show": Huron Valley Rose Society.** Local rosarians give tips on showing your roses. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 996–3892.*

"Oscar Romero, Presente": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. ICPJ member Mary Anne Perrone discusses the life and career of the Salvadoran Catholic archbishop who was assassinated in 1980 for his outspoken opposition to the government's oppression of the poor. *7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. $10 donation. 663–1870.*

Tuesday Night Dancers. *Every Tuesday except June 7.* Ballroom dancing to live music by Detroit-area bands. Includes fox-trots, waltzes, Latin and swing dancing, and more. Singles and couples welcome. Refreshments. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a dance lesson ($5). Dress code observed. *8–10 p.m., Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium. $6. (517) 787–6367, (517) 592–5771.*

Jonathan Ovalle: Kerrytown Concert House. Local singer-pianist Ovalle performs his original songs, a blend of jazz, rock, and pop inspired by the music of Sting, John Mayer, Peter Gabriel, Phil Collins, Elton John, Billy Joel, Tori Amos, and others. Accompanists are local bassist Glenn Brady, local drummer Dan Piccolo, and other musicians TBA. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $10 (students, $5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. See 7 Tuesday. 10 p.m.–midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Goldfinger" (Guy Hamilton, 1964). See 12 Monday. Mich., 7 p.m. **"Mad Hot Ballroom"** (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). See 10 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

15 WEDNESDAY

"The Morning Edition": Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. This popular monthly program features a buffet breakfast and a series of 5-minute updates from local business and community leaders. Hosted by Michigan Theater executive director Russ Collins. Speakers: Bodman LLP **intellectual property practice** chair Susan Kornfield, **Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts** executive director Stephanie Weaver, *Ann Arbor News* reporter **Geoff Larcom,** and others TBA. Video replays posted at annarborchamber.org. *7–8:45 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. $25 (members, $15). Preregistration requested. 214–0104.*

★**"Play Day for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Wednesday beginning June 15.* Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *10–11 a.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Music in the Park": Herb David Guitar Studio.** See 1 Wednesday. Today's schedule TBA. Noon–2 p.m.

★**"Breast Cancer: Identifying and Modifying Your Risk": Whole Foods Market.** Talk by alternative medicine practitioner Amy Dean. *7–8:30 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

"Balsamic Vinegar Tasting": Zingerman's Delicatessen. Vecchia Dispensa Balsamic (Modena, Italy) cofounder Marino Tintori hosts a tasting featuring an array of Vecchia Dispensa varieties. *7–9 p.m., Zingerman's, 422 Detroit St. $20. Reservations required. 663–3400.*

★**Channeled Spiritual Discussion Group": Deep Spring Center.** All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky. Aaron offers a talk and answers personal and universal questions. Tonight's topic: **"Christmas Stories."** Also, socializing. *7:30 p.m., 3003 Washtenaw, suite 2 (entry on Glenwood, next to Arby's). Free; donations accepted. 477–5848.*

★**"Michigan Amphibians and Reptiles": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** Slide-illustrated talk by Dorothy Blanchard, a veteran local naturalist who specializes in introducing children to nature. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 677–3275.*

★**Poetry Group: Barnes & Noble.** All poets invited to bring samples of their work for the group to critique. Hosted by local poet Lawrence Thomas. *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

"Weird Wednesday": Dreamland Theater. Monthly open stage for off-the-wall performance artists, screenings of short videos and films, monologists, "self-styled comics, musicians, and other avant bards." Performers can sign up shortly before the show. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Donation. 657–2337.*

"PSDC/Solos": Peter Sparling Dance Company (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). *June 15–19.* This popular local modern dance company directed by U-M dance professor Sparling, a former Martha Graham Dance Company member, performs *PSDC/Solos,* a series of 7 solos celebrating the solo as practiced by everyone from shamans to Elvis Presley. Dances are performed to lyrics by Sappho, arias by Handel, and U-M composer Evan Chambers's setting of jubilant lyrics taken from an 1805 New England tombstone. Also *Satyric Festival Song,* Sparling's tribute to his mentor Martha Graham, a witty, sharply etched solo with a gleeful trickster mocking and mugging at the audience. *8 p.m., Performance Network, 4120 E. Huron. Tickets whatever you can afford to pay (June 15), $24.50 (June 16 & 19), $29.50 (June 17), & $32.50 (June 18) in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. $3.50 discount for seniors. 663–0681.*

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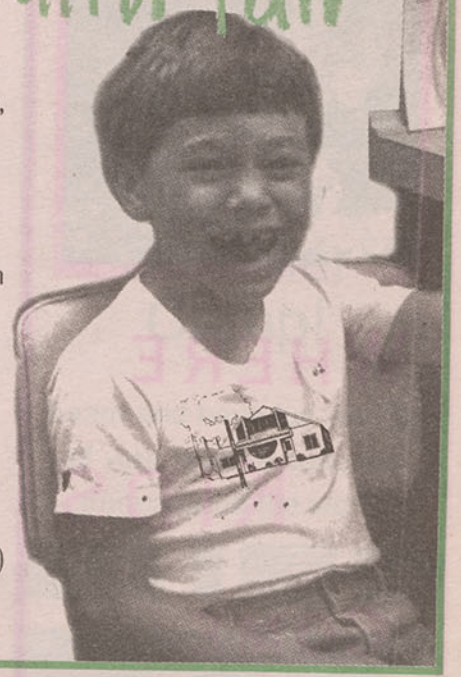

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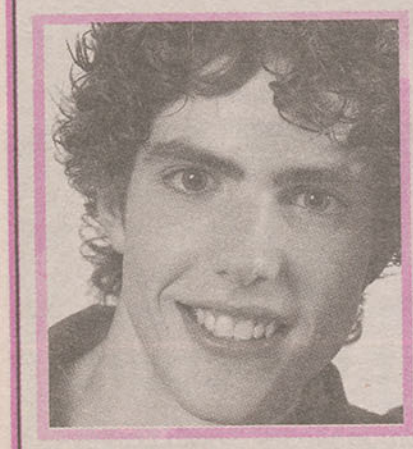

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15 WEDNESDAY *continued*

"The Ladies Show": Improv Inferno. See 1 Wednesday. 8 & 10 p.m.

FILMS

MTF. "Mad Hot Ballroom" (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). See 10 Friday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

16 THURSDAY

★**"West Play Day for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Thursday beginning June 16.* Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. *10–11 a.m., AADL West Branch story room, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 327–4200.*

★**Healthy Kids Reading and Activity Hour: U-M MFit.** Parents invited to bring their preschoolers to hear a story on a health topic and do a simple related craft. This month's topic: **"Safety."** *11 a.m.–noon, East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Rd. Free. 647–5645.*

Ice Cream Social: Eberwhite School. Carnival games, pizza, pop, popcorn, and ice cream. *6–8 p.m. Eberwhite, 800 Soule Blvd. Free admission; nominal charge for food & games. 994–1935.*

★**"Play Day for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Thursday beginning June 16 except June 30.* Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *Note:* June 30 is a special program open to kids up to age 4 (see listing). *6:30–7:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School Rd. & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Indoor Atlatl League: Michigan Atlatl Association. All invited to try their atlatl skills in 30-throw and 10-throw contests. *Atlatl* is a Nahuatl (Aztec) word for a Neolithic device used for throwing a spear or dart, a weapon that predates the bow & arrow by millennia. In Michigan, these weapons (under an unknown name) were used to kill mastodons and other large mammals. A limited number of loaner atlatls are available; bring your own if you have one. *7–8:30 p.m., Wilderness Archery, 297 N. Maple. $7. 913–6283, (810) 231–2314.*

"Care and Feeding of Your Bike": Two Wheel Tango. Bicycle experts offer maintenance tips. Bring your bike. *7 p.m., Two Wheel Tango, 323 E. Hoover Ave. $10. Preregistration required. 769–8401.*

★**"Menopause and Herbalism": Whole Foods Market.** Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Feldt. *7–8:30 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**Ann Arbor Society for Origami.** All invited (children & adults) to learn about and try their hand at origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. *7–9:30 p.m., Great Oaks Cohousing Common House, 500 Little Lake Dr. (off Parkland from Jackson between Wagner & Zeeb). Free. 434–5152.*

★**Third Thursday Book Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join this group to discuss David Sedaris's collection of satiric stories ***Me Talk Pretty One Day.*** *7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"F. Scott Fitzgerald: Winter Dreams": Ann Arbor District Library.** Showing of this documentary portrait of the classic American writer that was produced for the 2002 edition of the PBS *American Masters* series. In conjunction with the current AADL exhibit, *Zelda by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald (see Galleries). 7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**"Harry Potter Warm-Up Party": Barnes & Noble.** All kids age 5 & older invited to play games (with prizes) and for other fun activities in anticipation of the publication of the 6th Harry Potter book next month. *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 973–0846.*

★**Summer Gazebo Concerts: Manchester Recreation Task Force.** *June 16, 23, & 30.* Area musicians perform a series of outdoor concerts in Manchester's downtown gazebo. Bring picnics, chairs, and blankets. Tonight: Popular local children's entertainer **Julie Austin,** accompanied by multi-instrumentalist **David Mosher.** *7:30 p.m., across from St. Mary's Church, 210 W. Main, Manchester. Free; donations appreciated. 936–2462.*

★**"Trek to Everest Base Camp at 17,600 Feet": Of Global Interest.** Local adventure tour company owner Heather O'Neal presents a multimedia slide show about traveling in Nepal and trekking to the Mount Everest base camp. *8 p.m., 120 Eighth St. Free. 369–3107.*

Pressure Suit, Drafted by Minotaurs, & Black Sky: Dreamland Theater. Triple bill of local bands. Pressure Suit plays what it calls "danceable wave nuevo discordo." The experimental music duo Drafted by Minotaurs performs on instruments ranging from "space trumpet" to theremin. Black Sky plays psychedelic rock. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $3. 657–2337.*

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. *June 16–19 & 23–25.* Eric Maurer directs local actors in Tina Howe's hilarious send-up of "foodies." Ellen and Cal risk everything to open their own upscale restaurant, the Golden Carousel. However, Cal threatens to eat everything in sight, Ellen bickers endlessly with him, and a string of outlandish patrons one cold November night degenerates into farcical chaos. The cast includes Denene Pollock, Carl Ellison, Pam Rickard, Brian Burchette, Lois Dowling, Val Mercierca, Danielle Nicholls, Janet Platte, and Dennis Platte. *8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $15 (students & seniors, $10) in advance and at the door. 483–7345.*

"PSDC/Solos": Peter Sparling Dance Company (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 15 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm Night": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Catfight": Improv Inferno. 8 p.m.

"Full Frontal Comedy": Monkey Rampant Sketch Comedy. See 2 Thursday. 9–10:15 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.).

"High Octane": Improv Inferno. See 2 Thursday. 10 p.m.

The Original Headhunters: The Blind Pig. Pioneering jazz funk ensemble that got its start in the early 70s as pianist Herbie Hancock's band. The current lineup includes 3 original members—percussionist Bill Summers, bassist Paul Jackson, and drummer Mike Clark—along with alto saxophonist Robert Walter, a former member of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, and keyboardist Robert Walter. The band recently released a CD on the Basin Street label, *Evolution Revolution. 10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $18 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, $20 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

MTF. "Mad Hot Ballroom" (Marilyn Agrelo, 2005). See 10 Friday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

17 FRIDAY

"Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot": Wild Swan Theater. *June 17 & 18.* This award-winning local children's theater presents local playwright Jeff Duncan's adaptation of an Italian folktale. When Big Anthony refuses to listen to Strega Nona, her magical pasta pot goes out of control, inundating their small Italian village with pasta. Local artist Chris Roberts-Antieau designed the vivid sets, whose folk-art style recalls Antieau's well-known 2003 Art Fair posters. Aimed at kids ages 3–8. Live music by local mandolinist David Mosher. Cast: Sandy Ryder, Hilary Cohen, and Michelle Trame-Lanzi. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement for blind audience members. *10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $9 (children, $7) in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, or to arrange tours or audio description, call 995–0530.*

"Hands-On Science Fun": Anchors Unlimited Science Fun. Kids ages 7-13 invited to join a scavenger hunt and to try out several different science activities. Snack. Prizes. *5–8 p.m., Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Rd. Preregistration required. $12. 332–9165.*

★**5th Annual Green Fair: Office of the Mayor.** Information booths with local environmental nonprofits and companies that participate in the county's "Waste Knot" waste-reduction and recycling program. Also, displays of other alternative-fuel vehicles and other energy conservation products and practices. Kids activities. Door prizes. *6–9 p.m., one block in all 4 directions from the intersection of Main & Washington. Free. 994–2766.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** *June 17–July 10.* A beloved summer tradition that features music by local or area bands is presented atop the U-M Fletcher Street parking structure, followed at dusk (Sunday through Thursday) by free movies. Food concessions from area restaurants ring the chair-covered top of this parking structure, where visitors often bring cushions and blankets. Tonight: the music opens with **Corndaddy,** a local alt-country band led by singer-songwriters Kevin Brown and Jud Branam whose music mixes equal parts of Gram Parsons and Uncle Tupelo. Also, the popular Atlanta rockabilly and swing quintet **Cigar Store Indians** (8:15–11 p.m.). The Summer Festival also includes a series of Power Center shows (see below) and North Campus classical concerts (see 19 Sunday). *7–11 p.m., top of the Fletcher Street parking structure. Free. 647–2278.*

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. These comics from the Emmy-nominated improv comedy show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* perform a variety of silly, often hilarious short improv games and impromptu skits. Recent shows have included the popular if toe-shredding "Mousetrap Alphabet" game in which Mochrie and Sherwood, blindfolded on a stage mined with 100 set mousetraps, perform tai chi while improvising a skit in which each sentence begins with a different letter of the alphabet—in reverse alphabetical order. There's also a Dr. Seuss rhyming game, a Mad Libs game, a true-or-false quiz of a married couple, and an impromptu soap opera and rap song. For many skits, audience members are invited onstage to perform as well. *7 & 9:30 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $20–$48 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"A Year with Frog and Toad": EMU Theater of the Young. See 11 Saturday. 7 p.m.

"MiniFest '05": Kerrytown Concert House. *June 17, 24, & 26.* First of 3 evenings of chamber music performed by established and up-and-coming classical stars from around the country. Part of a Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, directed by local pianist James Tocco, that also features concerts in the Detroit area, June 11–26. Tonight: violinist **Chee Yun** performs Handel's Passacaglia for Violin and Cello, the **Amernet Quartet** performs Ravel's String Quartet in F Major, and **Yun,** cellist **Andres Diaz,** and pianist **Ruth Laredo** perform Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15, $20, & $30. Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

Corky Siegel's Traveling Chamber Blues Show: The Ark. *See review, p. 97.* Chamber blues ensemble led by Siegel, the blues harmonica genius who helped spark the blues revival of the 60s and early 70s as cofounder of the Siegel-Schwall Band. His Chamber Blues ensemble got its start in 1966 when conductor Seiji Ozawa invited the Siegel-Schwall Band to perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The instrumentation includes a string quartet, an East Indian tabla, blues harmonica, and piano, along with occasional vocals. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $22.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Satisfaction Guaranteed," "Reality Incorporated," and "Dirt": Dreamland Theater. *June 17 & 18.* Naia Venturi directs 3 short marionette plays by San Francisco writer Jess Rowland. *Satisfaction Guaranteed* examines the life of a man on the verge of suicide whose last hope for satisfaction lies in a bag of potato chips. *Reality Incorporated* offers a glimpse into the customer service department of the company that defines reality as we know it. *Dirt* outlines the touching story of the fetching Marianne, the vile Ezechial Cramrod the Third, and a lonely piece of dirt. Mature audiences. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $7. 657–2337.*

"Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern": Comic Opera Guild. See 10 Friday. Tonight: ***Oh, Boy!*** After George elopes with Lou Ellen, his Quaker aunt threatens to visit and break up the relationship. Meanwhile, the girl's parents confront him just as a crowd of revelers break into his apartment. Cast: Kristin Walukas, Greg Wakefield, David Troiano, Suzanne Galer, and Kim Dolanski. Tonight's performance is preceded by a talk (7:15 p.m.) by a panel of local experts TBA. 8 p.m.

"PSDC/Solos": Peter Sparling Dance Company (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 15 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. See 16 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10 p.m.

J. Chris Newberg: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *June 17 & 18.* The former frontman of the Detroit garage rock band Vudu Hippies, this fast-rising comic delivers his refreshingly smart, edgy observational humor with a streetwise philosophical cool. Preceded

by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. *8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

"The Beach Party Dance": Parents Without Partners. All adults invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 70s to contemporary dance music, with an emphasis tonight on vintage disco music, played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. Proceeds benefit Alpha House, a shelter for homeless families. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $8 (PWP members, $6). 973–1933.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Mondovino" (Jonathan Nossiter, 2004). *June 17–21.* Documentary about the ongoing battle between proponents of small, locally made French wines and the forces of globalization and homogenization. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

18 SATURDAY

★**Pony Club Rally: Waterloo Hunt Club.** *June 18–21.* All invited to watch pony owners compete in various categories. Food concessions. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Waterloo Hunt Club, corner of Glenn and Katz, Grass Lake. (Take I-94 west to exit 150, go north 2 miles on Mount Hope Rd., and turn right onto Glenn.) Free to spectators. (517) 522–5010.*

Handcraft Sale: Sales Exchange Refugee Rehabilitation Volunteers. *June 18 & 19.* A wide variety of handcrafted items by Third World artisans. SERRV is an ecumenical nonprofit marketing organization designed to provide a major alternative sales outlet for artisans in economically developing areas of the world. *9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (back entrance), 1501 W. Liberty. Free admission. Wheelchair-accessible. 663–0362.*

"Aglow Reflections": AGLOW International. All invited to join this group of Christian women for a brunch and this talk by an AGLOW member TBA. *9:15 a.m., Four Points Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk. $8 at the door. Reservations required. 971–4545.*

★**"Going on a Turtle Hunt!": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner discusses and leads a hunt for the wily turtle, which dots logs along the lakeshore. *10 a.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, Dexter. (Take US-23 to Six Mile Rd. exit and follow the signs.) Free ($4 park entrance fee per vehicle). 971–6337.*

★**"Downtown Play Day for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Saturday beginning June 18.* Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *10–11 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

"Trunk Show": Heavenly Metal. Show and sale of lampwork glass jewelry by Ypsilanti artist Kristin Perkins. Refreshments. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Heavenly Metal (inside Vicki's Wash & Wear Haircuts), 207 E. Ann. Free admission. 663–4247.*

Family Day: U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology. Children 5–12 can learn about ancient Egypt through various activities, including making a crown and jewelry, writing hieroglyphics, making a clay lamp, and creating mummies filled with candy organs. Also, kids can view the Egyptian artifacts in the museum galleries. Q&A with docents. *10 a.m.–noon, Kelsey Museum, 434 S. State. $10 (each additional child, $7). Preregistration required. 647–4167.*

★**Liberation of Life and Sangha Picnic: Zen Buddhist Temple.** Short ceremony, held at Friends Lake in Chelsea, commemorating the First Precept (not to harm but to cherish life) and human kinship with all things, followed by a potluck picnic. Bring a vegetarian dish to pass, as well as your own beverage and table service. *10 a.m., carpool from Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free. 761–6520.*

★**Craft Hour: Barnes & Noble.** All kids ages 3–10 invited for a craft activity. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 973–0846.*

"Enchanted Garden Stone": White Rabbit Toys. Kids of all ages invited to make a personalized gemstone-studded handprint stepping-stone to take home for their garden. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $6 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

"A Year with Frog and Toad": EMU Theater of the Young. See 11 Saturday. 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

★**Chapter of Life Book Club: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All seniors age 50 & older invited to discuss

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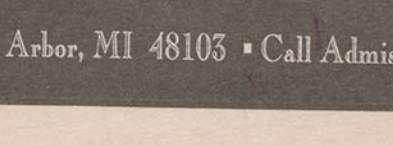

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18 SATURDAY *continued*

a book TBA. Light snack. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

"Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot": Wild Swan Theater. See 17 Friday. 11 a.m.

★**"11th Annual Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom": Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP.** Celebration of the anniversary of the first reading in Texas of the Emancipation Proclamation, on June 19, 1865—more than 2 years after it was signed by President Lincoln. The family-oriented program includes performances by church choirs and other entertainment, children's activities, and other fun. Food available. All invited. *11 a.m.–5 p.m., Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 769–5976.*

★**6th Annual Stilyagi Air Corps Picnic.** All invited to meet and chat with members of this lively local science fiction fan club, which hosts a monthly book club at Nicola's and a giant annual January convention in suburban Detroit. "Stilyagi-ball" and other games, and live filk music, a genre popular with sci-fi fans, in which song lyrics are rewritten or parodied, often to tell a sci-fi story. Vegetarian and meat burgers and hot dogs, munchies, and beverages. Kids welcome. *1 p.m.–6 p.m., Veterans Park shelter, 2150 Jackson Rd. Free. 487–8743.*

★**Annual Family Reunion Picnic: Great Lakes Rainbow.** All invited to a potluck picnic (bring reusable utensils and a vegetarian dish). *2 p.m.–dusk, Gallup Park 2nd picnic pavilion, east side of Huron Pkwy. (Enter on west side of Huron Pkwy. opposite Huron High School, and follow this driveway south over a wooden bridge and turn east onto a half-mile driveway to the picnic area.) Free. 761–4243.*

★**Summer Solstice Ritual: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to join local neopagans for this ritual honoring deities Bel and Danu, the primal father and mother. Also, potluck and raffle. Also, on June 17, an overnight firewatch ceremony. *2–5 p.m., Botsford Recreational Preserve, 3015 Miller (just west of the M-14 overpass). Free. For information, call 262–1052.*

★**Matinee Dance: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All senior singles and couples age 50 & older invited to dance to recorded music from the 30s, 40s, & 50s. Casual attire. Refreshments. Preceded at 1:30 p.m. by lessons. *2–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

"Gotta Have a Gimmick": Ann Arbor Dance Classics. AADC students perform ballet, tap, and jazz dance works with a variety of props, and such themes as "Newsies," "We're in the Money," "The Sound of Music," "Paquita," and "Pirates of the Caribbean." Also, a performance by the AADC Youth Dance Ensemble. *2 & 7 p.m., Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. Tickets $10 in advance and at the door. 302–4248.*

"Peter Rabbit": Wild Swan Theater. *Today only.* This award-winning local children's theater presents its adaptation of the story of Beatrix Potter's beloved bunny. Ignoring his mom's advice, Peter loses his little blue coat and plunges into a series of misadventures. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement (995–0530) for blind audience members. Suitable for kids in grades pre-K to 2. Cast: Hilary Cohen, Sandy Ryder, Michele Trame-Lanzi. After the show, kids take a nature walk to a nearby wetland. *2 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Tickets $9 (children, $7) in advance at 424–9591 and at the door. To arrange tours or audio description, call 995–0530.*

★**7th Annual Ann Arbor Gospelfest: Abundant Harvest Church.** Performances by area vocalists Bonnie Johnson, Robert Norwood, and Michelle Flowers, along with the Detroit ensemble Shekinah and area gospel ensembles the Garden of Prayer Praise Team, Partners 'N Praise, the Grace Fellowship Youth Choir, and others TBA. Family activities and games. Free food. *3–7 p.m., West Park band shell, near N. Seventh and Miller. Free. 332–9015.*

★**"Gourmet Dinner Trek": Of Global Interest.** Local adventure tour guide Heather O'Neal leads a hike looping around town to the Summer Festival's Top of the Park. Bring a gourmet dish to share. *5 p.m., meet at 120 Eighth St. Free. Reservations required. 369–3107.*

★**"Animania": U-M Japanese Animation Film Society.** Monthly anime marathon of feature films and episodes from TV series. Raffle. *U-M campus admission policy:* No one under 18 admitted without an adult. *5 p.m.–midnight, MLB, 812 E. Washington at Thayer. Free. www.umich.edu/~animania.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **Tumbao,** a local ensemble led by saxophonist and flutist Paul VornHagen that plays Brazilian jazz. Also, classic country and rock by **Steve Newhouse and the Nukeabillies** (8:15 p.m.) and Motown and soul by **Martin Simmons and the Motor City Music Cartel** (9:45 p.m.). 7 p.m.

★**Nicole Krauss: Liberty Borders.** This writer reads from her second novel, ***The History of Love.*** Also, signing. *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

"Ska's Out": The Neutral Zone. Performances by the local ska bands **I Voted for Kodos, Monkey Jacket, Skafia, After School Special,** and **20 XD 6.** High school age attendees only. *7–11:30 p.m., The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main. $5 (teens, $3). 214–9995.*

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Dancers. Robin Warner calls contras to live music by the Pittsfield Open Band. All dances taught; first-timers welcome. No partner needed. Wear cool, casual clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, a free open jam (3–6 p.m.). *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $8. 426–0241.*

Jay Stielstra & the Country Quartet: The Ark. An evening of country songs by this former local high school history teacher who has been a mainstay of the local folk scene since the early 70s. He is best known these days as the author of several Michigan-based folk musicals, and his show tonight includes several musical skits from those shows which Stielstra performs with local singer-actress **Chris McMullen.** The program also includes lots of Stielstra's country songs, which feature an old-timey feel he describes as "somewhere between 1950s Nashville and the Washington Avenue Baptist Church." In addition to the usual range of country topics, Stielstra writes occasional political and topical songs, including some new ones. The arrangements feature 3-part vocal harmonies with members of Stielstra's quartet, which includes fiddler Paul Winder, bassist Gary Munce, pianist Kelly Schmidt, and drummer Eric Nyhuis. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Phonk!": Scrap Arts Music (Ann Arbor Summer Festival). This Vancouver quintet performs a high-energy percussion and movement show on 45 large mobile homemade instruments created from industrial castoffs. Recent shows have featured the Plankophone, a giant xylophone made of 2x4s, and a huge ziggurat-shaped silver drum, the "sighcordion," along with an array of gongs. The instruments are on casters, and at times the performers whirl them around the stage in choreographed precision, while continuing to play. A *New York Times* reviewer praised the ensemble for their "inventive intellects and inexhaustible bodies," observing that they "have evoked the primitive, embodied the hip, and reached out toward an almost extraterrestrial avant-garde." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $10–$32 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern": Comic Opera Guild. See 10 Friday. Tonight: ***Oh, Lady! Lady!!*** Willoughby isn't good enough for Molly, or so her mother thinks. Just before their wedding, Willoughby is framed for theft by a nefarious valet. It takes an escape, disguises, and a stratagem to reunite the lovers. Cast: Lynn Bishop, David Troiano, Greg Wakefield, Dennis Eagle, Kim Parr, Kristin Walukas, Tom Petiet, and Milena Grubor. Tonight's performance is preceded by a talk (7:15 p.m.) by William Bolcom and Joan Morris, the renowned husband-and-wife duo who perform a concert of vintage American song in Chelsea June 11 (see listing). 8 p.m.

"PSDC/Solos": Peter Sparling Dance Company (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). see 15 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Satisfaction Guaranteed," "Reality Incorporated," and "Dirt": Dreamland Theater. See 17 Friday. 8 p.m.

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. See 16 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10 p.m.

J. Chris Newberg: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 17 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Ballroom Dance Club. All invited to join club members for ballroom dancing to recorded music. No partner needed. *9–11 p.m., Stardust Ballroom, Country Creek Shopping Center, 7025 E. Michigan Ave., Saline. $10. 662–5058.*

★**"Full Moon Campfire": Superior Land Conservancy/Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.** All invited to enjoy a family-oriented campfire in one of the largest Conservancy-owned nature

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Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues

A good idea of fusion

Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues was born in 1966, when Chicago Symphony summer conductor Seiji Ozawa, his Beatlesque hairstyle then a distinct novelty in the orchestral world, announced a desire to bring classical music and Chicago blues together. Siegel, the harmonica wizard behind the Siegel-Schwall Blues Band, has periodically revisited the concept ever since; his latest thinking on the subject will be on display at the Ark on Friday, June 17. Simply as a remnant of the idealistic 1960s that hasn't been completely trampled or corrupted, the Chamber Blues group—violins, viola, cello, percussion, and Siegel on harmonica, piano, and occasional vocals—would be worth seeking out. Yet Chamber Blues is more than just that.

Joining the language of the Mozart-era classical string quartet to that of the blues is very tricky, even though the two forms essentially share basic harmonic procedures. Mutual mimicry isn't fusion. Who would really want more than once to hear the classical string players trying to imitate Little Walter's harmonica? Or, for that matter, the harmonica playing Mozart?

Although Siegel has said that Chamber Blues represents a "juxtaposition" of classical music and blues—"two forms working together"—rather than a "blend," few of his pieces even approximate the basic sounds of either the blues or his classical models. Instead, he builds large, varied structures out of familiar bits of both languages. Bent blue notes may appear on any instrument; the so-called Alberti bass of the Mozart C-major piano sonata often taught to kids becomes the basis for a blues progression; a big backbeat may be taken pizzicato by the classical instruments. Classical and blues ideas are used to interrupt each other, often with delightful effect, and no two Chamber Blues pieces sound much alike. When Siegel does a straight blues, like "The Woofy Girl Stroll," the tone is often humorous. Indeed, much of the Chamber Blues music is witty, not bluesy, and some of the pieces have titles like "Opus 4 (½ of Opus 8)." On a spectrum between extemporized blues and notated classical music, Chamber Blues is somewhere in the middle: multipart refrains are clearly planned out, but there's a lot of freedom for the individual players.

The playing of percussionist Frank Donaldson is important to the realization of Siegel's ideas. Much of the time he uses a small Indian tabla drum, and not just because it's quiet enough not to overwhelm the stringed instruments—a gently played snare would do just as well for that. It's almost as if the interposition of a third voice helps to reconcile two musical languages that remain quite far apart. Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues may be among the more arcane musical acts to come to town this year, but this music exhibits some pretty original thinking that bears on the vexed question of how we might all get along.

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"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Mondovino" (Jonathan Nossiter, 2004). See 17 Friday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

19 SUNDAY (Father's Day)

Ann Arbor Antiques Market. From its small Farmers' Market niche 30 years ago, this show has grown to national importance, with over 300 antiques and collectibles dealers. It's the nation's largest monthly antiques show, and some say the best. No reproductions are allowed, experts check every booth, and the items' authenticity is guaranteed. This market is also an important source for dealers nationwide. Deliveries available; food for sale. No pets. Managed by Nancy and Woody Straub. *7 a.m.–4 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $5 (children 12 & under accompanied by an adult, free). Free parking. (850) 984–0122 (before the show), 429–3145 (day of show).*

15th Annual "Tour de Kids": Ann Arbor Velo Club. Boys and girls ages 3–12 are invited to compete in America's largest kids bike race, through the streets of downtown Ann Arbor. Course lengths vary from 50 meters to 2 miles, with riders grouped by gender and age. Don't miss the **"Dad's Dash for Cash,"** which features dads in 2 divisions racing on their kids' trikes or on "itty bitty bikes." Trophies to winners and medals, pizza, a goodie bag, and a T-shirt to all finishers. Helmets required. *9 a.m.–2 p.m., South University at East University. $5. 332–3786.*

★**"Adrian Mural Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 90-mile ride to Adrian for brunch, along with a chance to view 4 Mexican-flavored murals on the route home. Also, moderate-paced 60-mile and slow-paced 35-mile rides to the same destination leave at 9 a.m., respectively, from the municipal parking lot in Saline on Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., just south of US-12, and from the city lot in Clinton on US-12 1 block off Clinton Road. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. (734) 674–5786 (90-mile ride), 665–4968 (60-mile ride), 332–9209 (35-mile ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

"Wetlands by Canoe": Ann Arbor Parks Department. A city naturalist leads a canoe and kayak trip to explore the wetlands along the Huron River. Refreshments. Canoes, kayaks, and equipment provided. *10 a.m.–noon, Gallup Park canoe livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). $12 (nonresidents, $15). Preregistration required. 662–9319.*

★**Annual Rose Show: Huron Valley Rose Society.** Display of a wide variety of beautiful roses and rose arrangements, ranging from hybrids to rare old varieties, in categories such as sprays, single blooms, hybrid teas, and arrangements. Following morning judging for best individual blooms and best arrangements, the show opens to the public, and all exhibits go on sale around 4:30 p.m. All amateur rose growers and arrangers are invited to compete ($3; entries accepted 7–10:30 a.m.), and this month's Rose Society meeting offers show tips for beginners (see 14 Tuesday). *1:30–4 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free admission. 429–9609.*

★**"Pop!": U-M Museum of Art.** *June 19 & 30.* Docent-guided tours of this exhibit of Pop Art by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Indiana, and others. *2 p.m. (June 19) & 7 p.m. (June 30), UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.*

"PSDC/Solos": Peter Sparling Dance Company (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 15 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. See 16 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern": Comic Opera Guild. See 10 Friday. Today: ***Sally.*** A poor orphan girl gets a chance at the good life when she's asked to impersonate the prima ballerina at a swank party. She's close to pulling it off when the ballerina's checkered past makes everything go wrong. Cast: Greg Wakefield, Dennis Eagle, Diane McEwan-Martin, Milena Grubor, Tom Petiet. Tonight's performance is preceded by a talk (7:15 p.m.) by a panel of local experts TBA. 3 p.m.

"Still Dancin' for Peace." Local classical Indian dancer Madhavi Marcia Mai leads her young and adult student dancers in a recital of classical and contemporary Bharatanatyam dance. Accompanied by *vina* player Prabha Dhayalan and *mridangam* drummer Sam Jeyasingham. Proceeds benefit the Amma Center Tsunami Rebuilding Project. *4 p.m., Macintosh Theater, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Tickets $5 at the door only. 665–4930.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": U-M Residential College/Nichols Arboretum. See 2 Thursday. 6:30 p.m.

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: Talented young local singer-songwriter **Sari Brown,** who writes folk-style story songs with poetic lyrics and a strong political sensibility. Followed at 8:15 p.m. by **Grievous Angel** *(see review, p. 101),* a Detroit-area country-rock band led by local singer-guitarist David Mosher that covers everyone from Hank Williams to the Grateful Dead and Metallica. The music is followed at dusk by ***Spider-Man 2,*** Sam Raimi's 2004 adventure about an urban superhero torn between his crimefighting role and getting the girl. 7 p.m.

"The Reality Buffet": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 7 p.m.

★**"Helix: Spiral to the Stars": Nightfire.** *June 19 & 26.* A dance theater performance by this self-styled local "nouveau gypsy" performance troupe that blends dance, music, poetry, masks, costumes, and improvised ceremony in a tribal, dreamlike fusion. The story of 2 opposing tribes with a common origin that are linked by a mercurial young girl, the work features dances of dissonance and harmony among peoples and between people and nature. The dancers are accompanied by the African-percussion ensemble **Solemnity I,** guitarist **Geoffrey Estey,** and poet-musician **Cassandra Stevens.** The performance concludes with a group dance in which the audience is invited to participate. Followed by a dance party. Costumes and masks encouraged. Held in the Island Park gazebo in case of rain. *8 p.m., Island Park, 1450 Island Dr. off Maiden Lane. Free; donations accepted. 996–1772.*

Denyce Graves: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. This Washington, D.C.–born mezzo-soprano garners rave reviews for her rich, lustrous tone, for a musical sensibility at once elegant and vital, and for her ability to

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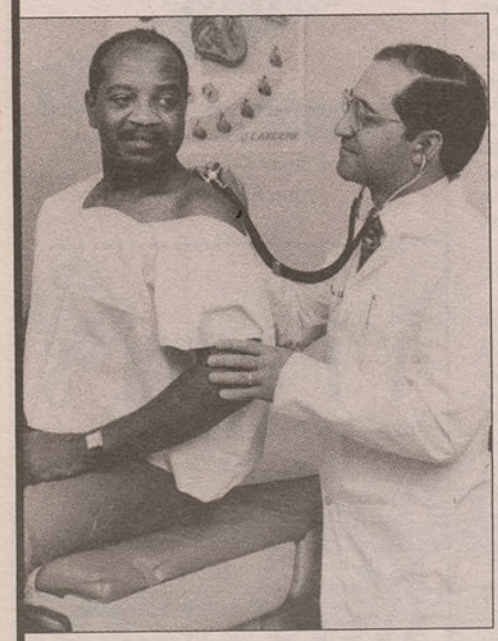

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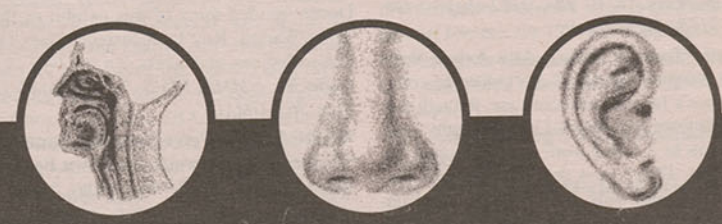

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inhabit a song and bring it to life. Graves debuted at the Met in 1995 in the title role of Bizet's *Carmen*, and she's best known for her smoky, sultry performance in that role and in the female title role of Saint-Saens's opera *Samson et Dalila*. "Her voice, low and thick, painfully dragging out each word, filled the song with all the agony of that September week," said a *Los Angeles Magazine* reviewer of her performance of "America the Beautiful" at the September 14, 2001, national prayer service. "But then something extraordinary happened. At the last verse [her voice] became pure sound: the sound of hope, the sound of possibility." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $14–$52 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Get Up Stand Up": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 8:30 p.m.

"The Eye Candy Experience": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 10 p.m.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Summer Classics." "Doctor Strangelove" (Stanley Kubrick, 1964). *June 19 & 21.* Painfully hilarious Cold War satire. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, 3 p.m. **"Mondovino"** (Jonathan Nossiter, 2004). See 17 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

20 MONDAY

"Paint a Kite": White Rabbit Toys. Kids 5–12 invited to personalize a kite to take home. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $8 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

★**"Storytelling in a Community Context": Ann Arbor District Library.** An introduction to storytelling for teens and adults by **Will Power,** the renowned hip-hop storyteller who performs at the Summer Festival on June 21 (see listing). *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327–4560.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: Two bands from the Neutral Zone teen center, the rock band **The Strangers** and ska by **Skafia.** Also, poets and hip-hop DJ (8:15 p.m.) and **Nomo,** a local 9-piece ensemble featuring members of Cloud Nine Music and others that plays a mix of Afrobeat with Sun Ra- and Coltrane-influenced jazz. The music is followed at dusk by ***Napoleon Dynamite,*** Jared Hess's quirky 2004 comedy about a high school nerd who overcomes continual harassment and the questionable guidance of his oddball family. 7 p.m.

★**Ann Arbor Stamp Club.** A slide show from the American First Day Cover Society, an auction of stamps and covers, and a chance to examine American Philatelic Society circuit books, which are collections of affixed stamps or covers, circulated for sale among members of a club. *7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana (park & enter at the rear of the building). Free admission. 761–5859.*

Deanna Carter: The Ark. Talented Nashville-based country singer-songwriter who came to fame in the late 90s with her debut CD *Did I Shave My Legs for This?* which included the hit coming-of-age song "Strawberry Wine." *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $20 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

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21 TUESDAY

SpiritSisters Women's Circle. All women invited to discuss spirituality, relationships, empowerment, metaphysics, and healing. Short meditation session. Also, bring divination tools, if you like. *7 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. $3. 741–0478.*

★**Lori Fithian: Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids & adults invited to join this veteran local drum circle leader to perform in a giant drumming orchestra. Also, selected Ann Arbor Public School elementary and middle school students perform original songs created as a part of the AADL's Library Songsters Folk Music in the Schools program. One of the kickoff events for the AADL summer reading program, "Got Books?" *7–8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 327–8301.*

"The Dog Slam": Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. This midmonth affair for those for whom the long-standing 1st Tuesday (see 7 Tuesday listing) is not enough features open-mike sessions and a variety of oddball ways of presenting poetry, including Midwest Poetry League contests, theme poetry, naked people poetry, and more. "We will leave no poem unread." *7–10 p.m., Club Heidelberg (above the Heidelberg restaurant), 215 N. Main. $5. For information, call Larry Francis at 426–3451.*

★**Steve Amick: Nicola's Books.** This local writer reads from ***The Lake, the River, and the Other Lake,*** his affectionate, knowing portrait of townies, wealthy vacationers, old-time cherry farmers, and a Native American in a Michigan vacation spot slowly yielding to gentrification. *7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**Charles Blackstone: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This Chicago fiction writer reads from his new novel ***The Week You Weren't Here,*** a poignant and wry portrait of a young writer who, in his quixotic pursuit of the defining moment, tortures himself with memories of every girl he's lost or loved. Signing, refreshments. *7 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: veteran Detroit percussionist **Muruga Booker** performs solo and then as a member of **Free Funk,** an ensemble that also includes world-class local harmonica wizard **Peter Madcat Ruth,** rapper **Louie "Babblin" Kabbabie,** and others. 7 p.m.

★**"Go Take a Hike: Solo Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada": Sierra Club.** Talk by University of Wisconsin English professor and nature writer John Hildebrand. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 480–7751.*

★**Sci-Fi for All Ages Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of ***The Martian Chronicles,*** Ray Bradbury's classic collection of tales about the colonization of Mars. *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

"Flow": Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Hip-hop artist **Will Power** performs his one-man show, a high-energy, fast-paced set of tales of survival in an unforgiving urban landscape. Each story is told in the voice of a different character, including a teacher, a preacher, a dancer, a rapper, the oldest town resident, the town drunk, and Power himself. First produced in 2003 at the New York City Hip-Hop Theater Festival, the show is propelled by music by DJ Reborn, who operates an array of turntables. A *New York Times* critic says the show "combines the complexity of serious drama with the visual and sonic arsenal of MTV." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $10–$32 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. See 7 Tuesday. 10 p.m.–midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Mondovino" (Jonathan Nossiter, 2004). See 17 Friday. Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

22 WEDNESDAY

★**Billy Jonas: Ann Arbor District Library.** A family-oriented concert of self-styled "junkadelic folk" by this pop-folk singer-songwriter from Asheville, North Carolina, whose songs set witty, verbally playful lyrics to a blend of African, hip-hop, and juke-joint vocal rhythms. He accompanies himself on guitar and a variety of found objects, including pots, pans, and a pogo stick. A kickoff event for the AADL summer reading program, "Got Books?" *10–11 a.m. & 2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 345 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

"Kaleidoscope Making": White Rabbit Toys. Kids 7–12 invited to make a kaleidoscope to take home. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $8 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

★**"Wellness and Belief": Whole Foods Market.** Talk by naturopathic intern Audrey Blagsvedt. *7–8:30 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**Ypsilanti–Ann Arbor Area Robotics Club.** All invited to meet robotics hobbyists and check out and informally discuss their current gadgets and toys. Legos Mindstorms robots and radio-controlled cars available for kids entertainment. *7 p.m., Corsa Instruments, 2370 Abbott (off Jackson Rd., behind KFC). Free. 332–1000.*

★**"Women, Art, and the Creative Spirit": Ann Arbor District Library.** Panel discussion with several women artists who are participating in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair in July. In conjunction with the current AADL exhibit, *Zelda by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald. 7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: American roots music originals and covers by **Hoodang,** the local duo of singer-songwriters Rich Rickman and David Rossiter. Also, **Steppin' in It** (8:15 p.m.), an eclectic acoustic Lansing string quartet. The movie is followed at dusk by *The Princess Bride,* Rob Reiner's sweet, witty, tongue-in-cheek 1987 fairy tale about a farm girl kidnapped by a villainous ruler who intends to make her his princess. 7 p.m.

★**"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series.** *Every Wednesday, June 22–July 27.* A popular local outdoor summer tradition resumes tonight with the 67-year-old Civic Band led by director Bob Gourley. Tonight: **"On the March"** features marches by Sousa and Henry Mancini, Henry Fillmore circus marches, movie soundtrack marches, and more. Bring a picnic and blanket, and relax on the grassy slopes. Lemonade and popcorn available. *8 p.m., West Park band shell near N. Seventh and Miller. Free. 769–5911.*

David Olney: The Ark. This New England-bred, Nashville-based singer-songwriter is known for a riveting vocal style that's halfway between Bob Dylan's howling wind and John Prine's weathered breeze, and for his deft, haunting, blues-steeped ballads and story songs, graced with a dark, almost Faulknerian humor. "Any time anyone asks me who my favorite music writers are," the late Townes Van Zandt once said, "I say Mozart, Lightnin' Hopkins, Bob Dylan, and Dave Olney. Dave Olney is one of the best songwriters I've ever heard—and I mean that from my heart." Olney's new CD, *Migration,* has been a favorite of Americana radio stations. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Chick Corea: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. One of the most popular and influential figures on the contemporary jazz scene, this 12-time Grammy-winning pianist first came to prominence in the late 60s as a member of the Miles Davis Group, with which he recorded the legendary *Bitches Brew* LP, a revolutionary work that virtually invented jazz fusion. Since then, Corea has continued to explore ways to expand the musical vocabulary of jazz and make its melodic and rhythmic spirit more accessible. He appears tonight with members of renowned guitar virtuoso Paco de Lucia's band, including bassist Carles Benavent, drummer Tom Brechtlein, flutist and saxophonist Jorge Pardo, and percussionist Rubem Dantas. The program features cuts from Corea's Spanish-influenced *Touchstone* CD and new works. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $24–$46 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Now That I Can Dance": Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). *June 22–26.* This nationally acclaimed Detroit-based ensemble of young performers ages 12–19 in its latest touring production, a musical about the early days of Motown Records and its first group, the Marvelettes. *8 p.m., Performance Network, 4120 E. Huron. Tickets whatever you can afford to pay (June 22) & $20 (June 23–26) in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. $3 discount for seniors; half-price student rush tickets available day of performance. 663–0681.*

"The Ladies Show": Improv Inferno. See 1 Wednesday. 8 & 10 p.m.

Citizen Cope: The Blind Pig. Talented young singer-songwriter from Washington, D.C., who writes theatrical story songs with music that draws on and often fuses a melange of genres, from folk and rock to hip-hop and go-go. He recently released his major label debut, *The Clarence Greenwood Recordings.* Opening acts TBA. *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $12 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, $14 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Eros" (Wong Kar-Way, Steven Soderbergh, and Michelangelo Antonioni, 2004). *June 22–28.* A 3-part examination of desire, from three different directors, set in 1960s Hong Kong, in a 1955 psychoanalyst's office, and on an Italian beach. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

23 THURSDAY

15th Annual Barn & Porch Sale and Festival: Dixboro General Store. *June 23–26.* This charming country store housed in an old farmhouse opens its historic barns for this festival, which includes free re-

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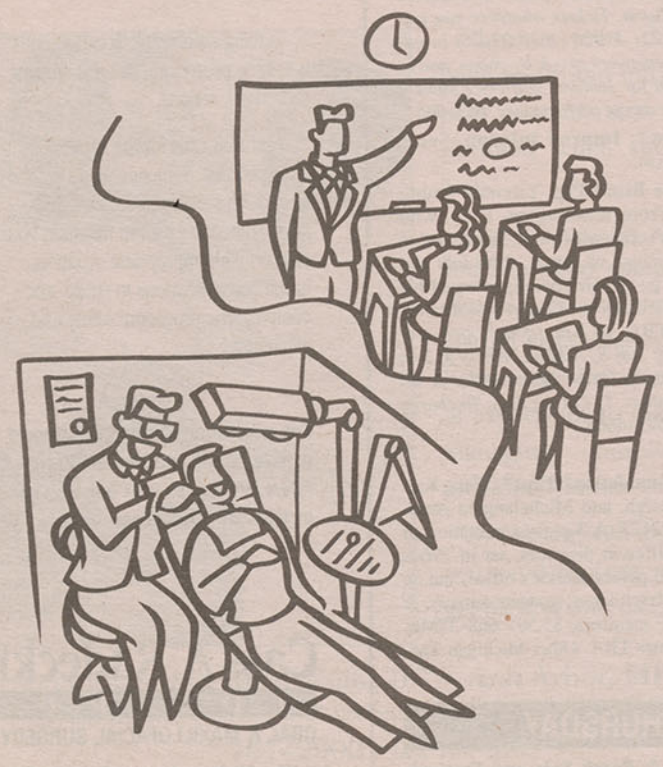

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★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to join a discussion, led by Huron High School English teacher Jim Dwyer, of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel ***The Great Gatsby.*** In conjunction with the current AADL exhibit, *Zelda by Herself: The Art of Zelda Fitzgerald. 7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**"Mercury, Fish, and You": Whole Foods Market.** Talk by holistic physician Malcolm Sickels. *7–8 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**Richard McMullen: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This retired Pioneer High School English teacher reads from his recently published ***Not Only Love: New & Collected Poems, 1975–2003*** (see 1 Wednesday listing). Signing, refreshments. *7 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**Elizabeth Kostova: Nicola's Books.** *See review, p. 91.* This U-M grad and Hopwood Award winner reads from her debut novel ***The Historian*** (see 14 Tuesday Borders listing). *7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **The Intentions,** a 7-piece local roots reggae band. Also, **The Sun Messengers** (8:15 p.m.), a popular, versatile 10-piece ensemble from Detroit that plays everything from Latin and African dance music to blues and rock. The music is followed at dusk by ***Barbershop,*** Tim Story's 2002 comedy about one day in a Chicago barbershop that reveals its importance in the community. 7 p.m.

★**"Herbal First Aid": People's Food Co-op Herbal Wisdom Series.** Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Feldt. *7:30–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994–4589.*

★**"Would Somebody Please Send Me to My Room?: A Hilarious Look at Family Life": Barnes & Noble.** Freelance humor writer **Bob Schwartz,** a columnist for several parenting magazines, is on hand to sign copies of his new novel. *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**Summer Gazebo Concerts: Manchester Recreation Task Force.** See 23 Thursday. Tonight: a variety of band tunes by the **Manchester Marching Band.** Also, gospel songs by the **Cherry Hill Brothers.** 7:30 p.m.

David Wilcox: The Ark. Acclaimed singer-songwriter from Asheville, North Carolina, a Cleveland native with a laid-back singing style whose songs, alternately yearning and plaintive, are known for their emotional force and intimacy and for their canny blend of pop and folk aesthetics. He's also a dynamic guitarist who favors offbeat tunings. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $17.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"And the Winner Is . . .": Purple Rose Theater Company. *Every Wednesday–Sunday, June 23–August 27.* Guy Sanville directs local actors in the world premiere of Mitch Albom's comedy about less-than-lovable movie star Tyler Johnes, who wakes up the day before he is to receive a major acting award to find himself in a strange bar, where a fatherly old Irish man tells him that he's dead and that the bar is the hereafter. Johnes throws a hissy at the unfairness of it all, but as in Albom's earlier plays and fiction, a twist of fate affords him an undeserved chance at rueful reflection and a humbled redemption. Cast: Jerri Doll, Paul Hopper, Sarab Kamoo, Patrick Kenny, Grant Krause, Wayne David Parker. *8 p.m., Garage Theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Preview tickets (June 23–30): $17.50 (Wed. & Thurs. eves. and Sat. & Sun. matinees), $25 (Fri. & Sat. eves.). Opening night (July 1): $32.50. After July 1: $22.50 (Wed., Thurs., & Sun. eves.), $27.50 (Sat. & Sun. matinees), & $32.50 (Fri. & Sat. eves.). 433–ROSE.*

"Now That I Can Dance": Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 22 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. See 16 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm Night": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Catfight": Improv Inferno. See 2 Friday. 8 p.m.

top of the park

Grievous Angel
Darn good

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Take four seasoned musicians; mix in acoustic and electric instruments; flavor with country, bluegrass, blues, and rock; serve with clear, lilting vocals and close harmonies. It's a recipe for down-home, rootsy music, and Grievous Angel knows how to cook. In addition to strong original tunes, this band's live sets cover the likes of the Band, the Grateful Dead, Little Feat, Johnny Cash, and Fred Neil with skill and obvious pleasure. These musicians simply play well together, holding themselves to a high aesthetic standard while drawing from rich, traditional music that is equally at home in the bar, in the concert hall, or on the back porch.

You couldn't ask for much more talent in a southeast Michigan combo. All full-time professional musicians, the members of Grievous Angel have proven themselves in other well-respected local groups as well as with national acts—including Was (Not Was), Wilson Pickett, Indigo Girls, and Earl Klugh—and as music producers (for local recording artists as well as the television show *Backstage Pass*).

Drummer Ron Pangborn, who looks rather like a calm professor onstage, deserves up-front attention for laying just the right foundation. He doesn't overplay, but he knows where to add a little flair, how to turn it up a notch, and when to let off and leave us breathless. Nolan Mendenhall keeps the rhythm section in the pocket with his careful but never boring bass line.

Layered into this mix is the expert guitar picking of Billy Brandt, a fuzzy bear with a graying beard and a tangle of thick hair, and the tuneful mandolin or high lonesome fiddle of bright-eyed, boyish David Mosher (who can even play a dazzling electric guitar solo when given the chance). Brandt and Mosher are responsible for most of the band's originals, and they trade off lead vocals regularly, offering a satisfying contrast between Brandt's rich, rugged style and Mosher's clean, country twang. In most numbers, Mendenhall lends his voice to three-part harmonies that weave together tighter than a farmhouse rug.

On its new self-titled CD, Grievous Angel celebrates its countrified sound with the vibrant polish of studio production. The original tunes are structured like the songs that influenced them; they feel as comfortable as an old pair of shoes. Stories of love and loss, ramblin', farm life, and poverty pay homage to familiar country themes, although the lyrics are, for the most part, generic, by-the-numbers lines. With the talent dripping off Grievous Angel's instruments, I was expecting a bit more clever or poetic turns of phrase.

The single instrumental number, "Rags to Ragas," hints at a more adventurous songwriting potential with its looser jam, more complex rhythms, and pinch of Indian spice. Perhaps letting more of that wild wind come through in future compositions will also encourage a deeper reach for words. These musicians can't help but get better. They're already so darn good.

Grievous Angel is at Top of the Park on Sunday, June 19.

—Stephanie Kadel-Taras

"High Octane": Improv Inferno. See 2 Friday. 10 p.m.

Bettie Serveert: The Blind Pig. Veteran Dutch indie rock band led by singer-songwriter Carol van Dyk whose music is known for its mournfully desolate feel and its sweet and heavy guitar sound. Its latest CD, *Attagirl,* finds the band working samples, beats, and keyboards into the mix. *10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $12 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

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24 FRIDAY

Ann Arbor Golf Classic: Futures Women's Golf Tour. *June 24–26.* 144 professional women golfers from around the world compete for $65,000 in cash prizes in this 3-round tournament. The field also includes 2 Ann Arborites, Debbie Williams-Hoak and Katy Loy, and former U-M women's golf team members Cortney Reno, Misia Lemanski, and Leanne Wicks. The Futures Tour is the official developmental tour of the LPGA, which this year accepts the top 5 Futures winners. *8 a.m.–6 p.m., Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 W. Ellsworth Rd. $5 per day; $10 tournament pass. Age 16 & under, free. 994–8580.*

"Sandy Lands Sand Art": White Rabbit Toys. Kids 4–12 & older invited to make a picture with colored sand. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $8 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

★**"Dance Dance Revolution Minitournament": Ann Arbor District Library.** All youths in grades 6–12 (1–4 p.m.) and all teens & adults age 18 & up (6:30–9 p.m.) invited to try their skill in this computer-guided movement game. *1–4 & 6:30–9 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School Rd. & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

"Tees for Tots Golf Scramble Tournament": Catholic Social Services. Each player hits every shot from the spot of the best ball of their foursome. Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and highest and lowest scores. Followed by dinner and an auction that includes sports memorabilia, weekend getaway packages, restaurant packages, and more. Proceeds benefit Father Patrick Jackson House, a residential program serving teenage mothers and their babies. *2:30 p.m., Reddeman Farms Golf Club, 555 S. Dancer Rd., Chelsea (take Jackson Rd. west and turn left on Dancer). $125 (dinner only, $35). Sign up as a foursome or be assigned to one. Preregistration required. 971–9781.*

★**Michael Cunningham: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This popular novelist, author of the Pulitzer Prize–winning *The Hours,* reads from ***Specimen Days,*** his new novel, set in New York City, featuring the same 3 characters—a young boy, an older man, and a young woman—in 3 different centuries. The first chapter is a ghost story set at the height of the Industrial Revolution as people are confronting the alienating realities of the new machine age, the 2nd chapter is a noir thriller set in the early 21st century about a terrorist band detonating bombs randomly around the city, and the final chapter evokes a New York 150 years into the future, when the city is all but overwhelmed by refugees from the first inhabited planet to be contacted by the people of Earth. Signing, refreshments. *7 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 662–7407.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **The Flying Latini Brothers,** a local band fronted by singer-songwriter John Latini that plays country-flavored rock, along with some Tom Waits covers. Also, **Madcat & Kane** (8:15 p.m.), the duo of world-class harmonica wizard Peter Madcat Ruth and ace fingerstyle blues guitarist Shari Kane. At 9:45 p.m., **Mike Smith and the Cadillac Cowboys,** the veteran local country band led by singer-guitarist Michael Smith. 7 p.m.

"MiniFest '05": Kerrytown Concert House. See 17 Friday. Tonight: the **Ambrosian Trio** performs Mozart's Piano Trio no. 3 in B-flat Major, the **California Quartet** performs Prokofiev's String Quartet no. 1 in B Minor, and pianist **Ursula Oppens,** violinist **Joseph Silverstein,** violist **Roberto Diaz,** and cellist **Fred Sherry** perform Dvorak's Piano Quartet no. 2 in E-flat Major. 8 p.m.

RFD Boys: The Ark. See 4 Saturday. 8 p.m.

"Tango Flamenco": Compania Talent Danza (Ann Arbor Summer Festival). This 24-member Spanish troupe presents impassioned, highly polished performances, with live music, of these 2 quintessentially Spanish dance forms. Its flamenco dances highlight the intense relationship between the dancer and the guitarist central to this style. One critic called a recent performance the "epitome of sensuality, passion, precision, musicality, and good looks." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $24–$46 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

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"And the Winner Is . . .": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 23 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Kevin Lepine: Improv Inferno. *June 24 & 25.* This comedy hypnotist gets audience members to do unusual, often hilarious, things. *8 p.m., Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main. Tickets $10 in advance and at the door. 214–7080.*

Bill Hildebrandt: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *June 24 & 25.* This veteran Detroit-area comic is known for his clever, good-natured, often surprising topical and observational humor. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. *8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

★**"Waning Gibbous Moon Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Slow-, moderate-, and fast-paced rides, 8–24 miles, along the paved Gallup Park pathway to Parker Mill. Weather permitting. *10 p.m., Mitchell Field parking lot (east end), Fuller Rd. Free. 973–9225 (tonight's ride), 913–9851 (general information).*

The Sights: The Blind Pig. Nationally acclaimed Detroit band that plays vintage Detroit rock 'n' roll, a la the Stooges and the MC5. Opening acts TBA. *10 p.m.–2 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, $10 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 10 p.m.

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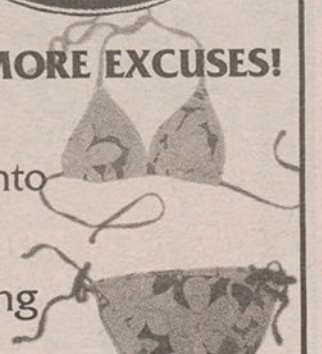

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MacHomer

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MacHomer: it's got everything the original's got and more. It's got regicide, fratricide, infanticide, and suicide—all the things you've already come to know and love about *Macbeth*—and it's performed by, arguably, the greatest cast ever assembled. It's got Homer and Marge and Bart and Lisa and Maggie and Mr. Burns and Smithers and Crusty the Clown and Moe the Bartender and Principal Skinner and Jimbo Jones and forty others. And it's got them all together on the same stage coming out of the incredibly flexible Rick Miller.

The result is clever—very, very clever. Miller's impersonations of the characters from the long-running cartoon show *The Simpsons* are uncannily accurate. He's studied their gestures and their expressions, the way they like to phrase a line and the way they like to punctuate their soliloquies with burps or sniggers. He knows how Homer uses his hands, how Barney uses his walk, and how Crusty uses his Yiddish. He laughs like Marge, chuckles like Flanders, cackles like Bart, and sucks a pacifier like Maggie, and, astonishingly, he does all of them one after another through the entire length of the show.

MacHomer is also funny—very, very funny. Miller's obvious understanding of the emotional subtleties and dramatic nuances of Shakespeare's tragedy is informed by his antic sense of humor, his anarchistic sense of social responsibility, and his endless willingness to take a pratfall to make a point. His production has touches of whimsy (a *Sesame Street* puppet show production number for the whole family) and of absurdity (the World Wrestling–style grudge match between Macduff and MacHomer is not for the faint of heart)—but overall, the tone is still ironic, irreverent, and deeply ridiculous.

MacHomer is not educational. Miller demands that his audience already be intimately familiar not only with Shakespeare's text but with creator Matt Groening's characters and a whole range of pop culture references. Nor is it philosophical—Miller requires that his audience apprehend and appreciate the manifold ways in which the commingled disparate styles and genres comment on each other in paradoxical if improbable counterpoint.

MacHomer is barely even staged. Alone amid shattered television sets, Miller performs before an enormous video screen projecting his malleable face and morphable form into the farthest corners of the hall. And it's hardly serious. Miller hopes that his audience will unfetter their postmodernist consciousnesses, unbutton their postmillennial anxieties, and unleash their doughnut-obsessed inner children.

MacHomer: it's Rick Miller, and it's at the Power Center on Sunday, June 26, under the auspices of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

—James Leonard

24 FRIDAY *continued*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Travellers and Magicians" (Khyentse Norbu, 2003). *June 24–30.* A restless young Bhutan man eager to move to America misses the weekly bus to the city and ends up taking a long walk with some locals who make him rethink his dreams of immigrating. Dzongkha, subtitles. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. **"Eros"** (Wong Kar-Way, Steven Soderbergh, & Michelangelo Antonioni, 2004). See 22 Wednesday. Mich., times TBA.

25 SATURDAY

★**Mushroom Foray: Michigan Mushroom Hunter's Club.** All invited to join club members on a hunt around Barton Dam for edible spring fungi. Bring a bag lunch, compass, whistle, basket, and knife. All mushrooms are evaluated by experts for edibility after the hunt. Followed at 11 a.m. by a picnic; bring your own lunch. *9 a.m., Silver Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area, Dexter Townhall Rd. (1 mile north of North Territorial). Free to first-time visitors; $15 annual dues. 426–6182.*

Relay for Life: American Cancer Society. All invited to raise pledges for cancer research and walk, run, or jog laps individually or with a team at this 24-hour fund-raising relay. Live entertainment, refreshments, and a luminaria ceremony at dusk. *10 a.m. Sat.–10 a.m. Sun., Huron High School, 2727 Fuller Rd. at Huron Pkwy. Pledges. 971–4300.*

Cobblestone Farm Tours: Cobblestone Farm Association. Guided tours of this restored 1844 Classic Revival farmhouse, complete with resident goats, sheep, and chickens. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., 2781 Packard Rd. $2 (families, $6; kids age 3 & under, free). 994–2928.*

★**Lemony Snicket Day: Arborland Borders.** Kids ages 8 & older invited to hear a Borders staffer read a chapter from one of Snicket's books, and do related activities. *11 a.m., Borders computer section, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 449–9394.*

★**"Young Poets Hour": Barnes & Noble.** All kids age 12 & under invited to read some of their poems. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 973–0846.*

★**"Act Out on the Radio: Perform a Play on WCBN-FM": Ann Arbor District Library.** All youths in grades 6–12 invited to perform in one of 2 radio plays to be broadcast on the U-M student radio station. Two hours of rehearsal at the library are followed by a trek to the station on the U-M campus to record the performances. *Noon–5 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327–8301.*

★**"Blacksmith Festival, Civil War Encampment, and Log Cabin Day": Waterloo Area Farm Museum.** *June 25 & 26.* This weekend of historical reenactments features a blacksmith festival and small Civil War encampment Saturday. Sunday, Log Cabin Day offers a re-creation of pioneer homestead life in an 1844 cabin built by a German immigrant family, with exhibits and demonstrations of crafts, cooking, period farm tools, and household items. *1–5 p.m., Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo-Munith Rd., Waterloo Recreation Area, Jackson. (Take I-94 west to exit 153 and follow Clear Lake Rd. to Waterloo Village.) Free (house tour tentative cost $3). (517) 596–2254.*

★**"Froggy": Barnes & Noble.** All kids ages 2–5 invited to meet Jonathan London's rambunctious frog and hear some of his stories. Parents welcome to bring their cameras. *2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 973–0846.*

★**"Storytime: For the Birds!": Whole Foods Market.** Local storyteller Rowena Conahan tells stories, teaches songs, and helps kids do a craft to take home. *3–3:45 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations recommended. 975–4500.*

★**LezRead Book Club: Common Language Bookstore.** All invited to discuss a book TBA. *4 p.m., Common Language, 215 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 663–0036.*

German Park Picnic. Old-fashioned German dinner served a la carte (approximately $5–$7) with wine, beer, pop, and coffee for sale. Dancing to German and American music by **Spass.** *4–11 p.m., German Park, 5548 Pontiac Trail (7 miles north of Ann Arbor; look for the banners and signs marking the entrance). $5 (children 12 & under, free). No one under 21 admitted without parent or legal guardian. 769–0048 (weekdays).*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: folk-rock singer-songwriters **Annie Capps.** Also, **Whit Hill & the Postcards** (8:15 p.m.), a local quartet led by multitalented performance artist Hill (aka Whitley Setrakian), who writes richly imaginative country-folk originals that are often spiked with her offbeat sense of humor. At 9:45 p.m., **Al Hill & the Love Butlers,** a veteran local band that plays soulful swing, New Orleans–style funk, and boogie-woogie blues. 7 p.m.

★**Game Night: Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project.** All invited to bring their favorite card or board game to play. *7–9 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 995–9867.*

★**22nd Annual Rabbit Show: Ann Arbor Rabbit Breeders.** Bunnies, bunnies, bunnies. Breeders from throughout the Midwest and Canada show over 1,500 rabbits in this American Rabbit Association-sanctioned event, held in the evening because rabbits are heat sensitive. The 32 breeds on display include the beaglelike Lops, the muffinlike Havana, the "dipped-in-ink" English Spot, the fluffball Jersey Wooly, the tidy Netherlands Dwarf, and the mellow Flemish Giant, the favorite breed of one organizer who compares bunnies to dogs in saying, "the smaller the breed, the yappier the personality." Food concessions and sale of bunny merchandise. *8 p.m.–done, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free admission. 439–1748.*

Repercussions: The Ark. All-female Lansing-area percussion and drum quintet whose original music blends the rhythms of the Caribbean, Africa, Brazil, and the Middle East. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $13.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"June Minifestival": Dreamland Theater. This variety show includes an impromptu puppet show created by Naia Venturi and completed by audience members, who suggest random words that are plugged into gaps in the script, Mad Libs style. Also, a lively quiz show game, other games, and live music TBA. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. $5. 657–2337.*

Pilobolus: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Many critics grouse that this internationally acclaimed Connecticut modern dance sextet doesn't really *dance.* Instead, the group blends gravity-flouting gymnastic feats with sensuous movement and unusual music to produce a startling hybrid of dance and performance art that highlights the body's sculptural, rather than kinetic, qualities. NPR *Performance Today* commentator Terry Teachout notes, "I'd much rather watch Pilobolus at play than any of the numbingly 'serious' troupes with which the world of modern dance is afflicted." Tonight's program includes *Aquatica,* an exploration of the sea and its residents; *Symbiosis,* a duet that traces a relationship's evolution; *Monkey and the White Bone Demon,* a feisty retelling of a 16th-century Buddhist story; and *Megawatt,* an energetic meditation on the love-hate relationship between man and machine. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $24–$46 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Now That I Can Dance": Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 22 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The Art of Dining": P.T.D. Productions. See 16 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The World Over": BlackBag Productions. See 9 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"And the Winner Is . . .": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 23 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

Kevin Lepine: Improv Inferno. See 24 Friday. 8 p.m.

Comedy Improv: Tilt. See 11 Saturday. 8 p.m.

"Damnation Game": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. 10 p.m.

Bill Hildebrandt: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 24 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

"Crazy Hat Dance": Parents Without Partners. All adults invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 70s to contemporary dance music, with an emphasis tonight on vintage disco music, played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. Proceeds benefit Alpha House, a shelter for homeless families. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $8 (PWP members, $6). 973–1933.*

International Folk Dancing. Folk dancing to live music by the Ethnic Connection. No partner needed. Preceded by a review of the Bulgarian line dance topcijska raka (7 p.m.) and lessons on easier folk dances (8 p.m.). *9–11 p.m., Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver (off Nixon). Donation $3–$5. 995–0011.*

"The X Show": Improv Inferno. See 3 Friday. Midnight.

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26 SUNDAY

"EcoRide": Ecology Center Bike-a-Thon. The Ecology Center's 33rd annual bike-a-thon is expected to draw hundreds of cyclists to participate in their choice of a 2-mile family-friendly loop along neighborhood streets; an 8-mile loop over gently hilly terrain in northeast Ann Arbor to Matthaei Botanical Gardens; a 15-mile loop exploring the neighborhoods, wetlands, and farms northeast of Ann Arbor; a 30-mile loop to Whitmore Lake and through the fields and woods of northern Washtenaw County; and a 65-mile route that twists past small lakes and over the rolling fields of Livingston County to Kent Lake and returns via the South Oakland Trail over terrain that includes fields, woods, and diverse land uses, ending in a rolling descent. Walkers welcome to join the 2-mile loop. Snacks, rest stops, and "sag wagons" along the bike routes. Riders can either pay a fee to participate or collect pledges. Prizes to the top pledge-earning individuals and teams, and a T-shirt or cap for everyone who raises $100 or more in pledges. Massages available after the ride; live entertainment, kids activities, and refreshments at the finish line, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Rain or shine. *7:30 a.m.–noon starting times (registration begins at 7 a.m.), Greenhills School, 850 Greenhills Dr. (off Earhart). Sponsor sheets and route information available at the Ecology Center, local sporting goods stores, and www.ecocenter.org. Registration fee $25 (high school students & younger, $15) in advance by June 20, $35 (high school students & younger, $22) day of ride. Riders with $60 or more in pledges, free. 761–3186.*

Kids' Triathlon: Ann Arbor Triathlon Club. Kids 7–14 invited to compete in this swim/bike/run competition. 3-deep awards by age and gender, plus T-shirts for all finishers. Also, mini fun runs for kids 3–6. Refreshments, prize drawing. Proceeds benefit a summer camp for ventilator-dependent kids. *7:30 a.m. (packet pickup 6:30 a.m.; mandatory prerace meeting 7:15 a.m.), Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway (between State St. & South Industrial). Triathlon: $15 (team, $30) by June 11, $18 (team, $35) after June 11. Fun run: $5 by June 11, $7 after June 11. 996–8984.*

★**Furstenberg Nature Area Native Plant Garden: Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Division.** Local master gardener Aunita Erskine leads a walk through the garden to spruce it up and learn about what's in it. *9 a.m.–noon, meet in the parking lot off Fuller Rd. across from Huron High School. Free. 996–3266.*

★**"Cabela's Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 70-mile and moderate-paced 56-mile rides to Dundee to see if Cabela's considers cycling a sport. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 996–8316 (today's rides), 913–9851 (general information).*

★**"Breakfast with the Rabbi": Chabad House.** All invited to chat about kabbalah, Jewish mysticism, and other topics over breakfast with a Chabad House rabbi TBA. *10:30 a.m., Chabad House, 715 Hill. Free. 528–9526.*

★**Open House: Nature's Expressions.** Show and sale of crystalline mineral specimens, fossils, shells, mounted butterflies and insects, and more. Includes a complete fossil skeleton of a 9-foot 100,000-year-old cave bear. For adults & kids of all ages. *11 a.m.–5 p.m., 3443 Daleview Dr. (off N. Maple Rd. north of Huron River Dr.). Free. 994–3048.*

"Michigan Log Cabin Day": Cobblestone Farm Association. Exhibits, hands-on-activities, and tours of the 1835 Willis log cabin that was moved to Cobblestone Farm in 1981. Also, at 1:30 p.m., a slide-illustrated talk by city historian Wystan Stevens. *Noon–3 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard. $2 (families, $8; kids age 3 & under, free). 994–2928.*

★**Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild.** All invited to listen to guild members swap stories or bring their own to tell. *2–4 p.m., Nicola's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 971–5763.*

"MiniFest '05": Kerrytown Concert House. See 17 Friday. Today: the **Novarte Trio** performs Shostakovich's Piano Trio no. 2 in E minor, trombonist **Kenneth Thompkins** performs Carter's *Gra*, pianist **Awadagin Pratt** and cellist **Debra Fayroian** perform Beethoven's Sonata no. 3 for Piano and Cello, and Pratt joins the **Degas Quartet** to perform Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat Major. 2 p.m.

"Now That I Can Dance": Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit (Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance). See 22 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"And the Winner Is . . .": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 23 Thursday. 2 p.m.

Beer Tasting Fund-Raiser: Clean Water Action/ Ecology Center of Ann Arbor. A chance to taste Arbor Brewing Company's original beers. *4–6 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. $35 in advance only by June 15. 761–3186, ext. 110.*

★**Society for Women Engineers Book Club: Liberty Borders.** All invited to join a discussion of ***Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith,*** Jon Krakauer's book about 2 fundamentalist Mormon brothers who in 1984 murdered 2 family members because of a divine revelation. *6–8 p.m., Borders cafe, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **The Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio,** a local trio led by guitar virtuoso Summers that plays the music of Django Reinhardt, Charlie Christian, and Lenny Breau. With guitarist Chris Moyer and bassist Dave Sharp. Also, swing, vintage popular standards, and jazz instrumentals by **Five Guys Named Moe** (8:15 p.m.). The music is followed at dusk by *Ferris Bueller's Day Off,* John Hughes's lighthearted 1986 comedy about a high school senior who joins his girlfriend and buddy for a day of playing hooky in Chicago. 7 p.m.

"The Reality Buffet": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 7 p.m.

Guy Clark: The Ark. Veteran singer-songwriter from Texas whose songs have been recorded by everyone from Linda Ronstadt to Jerry Jeff Walker to Johnny Cash. He specializes in rough-edged, vividly detailed romantic ballads that have provoked comparisons to fiction writers like Larry McMurtry and Ambrose Bierce. *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $25 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"MacHomer": Ann Arbor Summer Festival. *See review, left.* Toronto-based comic and actor **Rick Miller** performs his hour-long monologue, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* that incorporates over 50 different voices from the characters on TV's *The Simpsons*. Macbeth becomes Homer Simpson, Lady Macbeth becomes Marge, and numerous other *Simpsons* characters make appearances in passages that include dream sequences and game shows. The performance includes video projections of stills from *The Simpsons,* and whimsical illusions such as the projection of Homer Simpson's eyes onto Miller's face. *MacHomer* evolved from a giddy impromptu sock puppet skit that Miller once performed backstage during a Montreal production of *Macbeth. 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $10–$32 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

★**"Helix: Spiral to the Stars": Nightfire.** See 19 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Get Up Stand Up": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 8:30 p.m.

"The Eye Candy Experience": Improv Inferno. See 5 Sunday. 10 p.m.

Easy Star All-Stars: The Blind Pig. This ensemble of artists who record for the reggae label Easy Star performs a live version of its hit CD *Dubside of the Moon,* a reggae version of Pink Floyd's progressive rock classic *Dark Side of the Moon. 10 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets $12 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation "Summer Classics." "Babe" *(Chris Noonan, 1995).* June 26 & 28. An orphaned pig finds a home. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, 3 p.m. "Eros" (Wong Kar-Way, Steven Soderbergh, & Michelangelo Antonioni, 2004). See 22 Wednesday. Mich., times TBA. "Travellers and Magicians" (Khyentse Norbu, 2003). See 24 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

27 MONDAY

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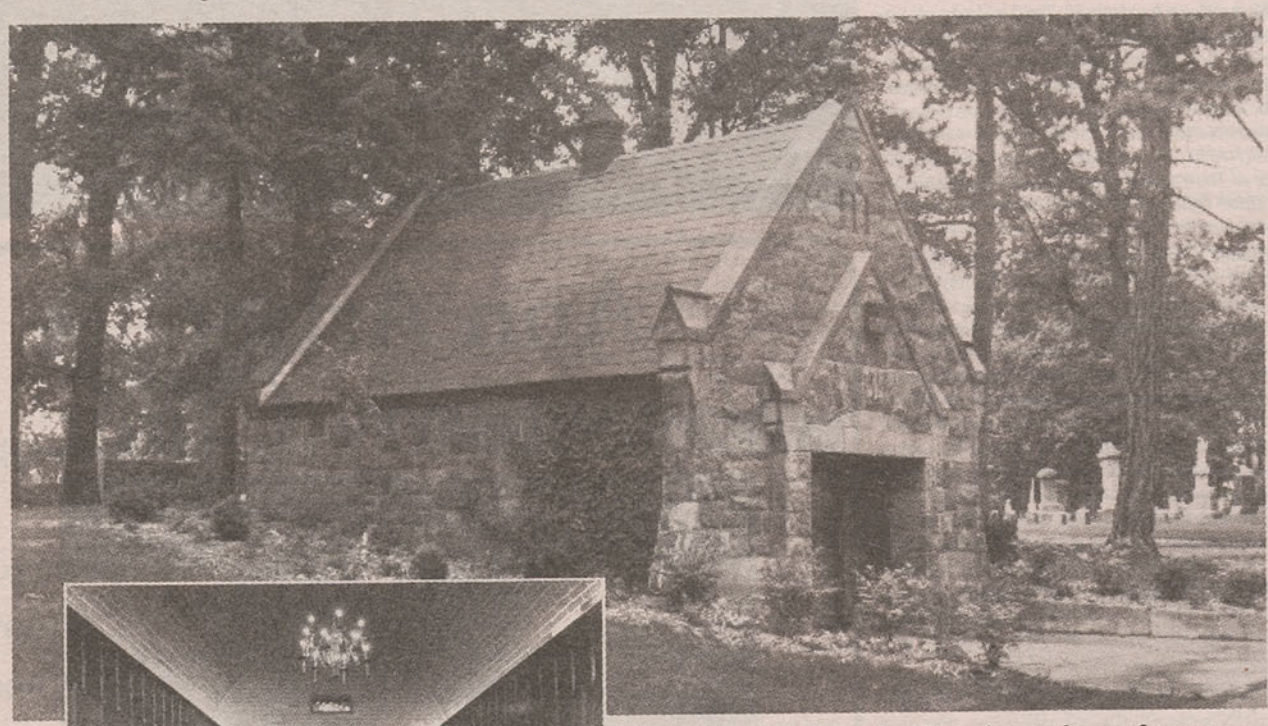

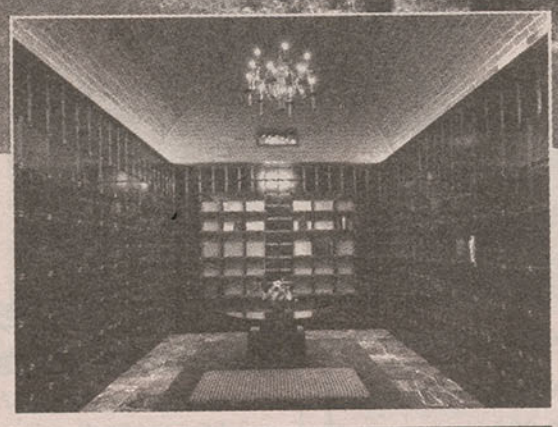

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★**Afternoon Book Group: Jewish Community Center.** All invited to discuss George Orwell's classic antitotalitarian novel ***1984.*** *1–2:30 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★**"Cut and Paste Club": Ann Arbor District Library.** Kids ages 4–8 invited to make an illustrated story using alphabet stamps and colorful pictures and words from the AADL's big collection. *4–4:45 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: local hip-hop DJ **DJ Graffiti,** local soul ensemble **The Syndicate,** and local hip-hop MC **Now On.** Also, at 8:15 p.m., the break dance crew **Hard Core Detroit** and the hip-hop ensemble **The Athletic Mic League.** The music is followed at dusk by ***Shrek 2,*** Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, and Conrad Vernon's 2004 computer-animated comedy about the newlywed ogre Shrek's journey with his bride to meet her parents. 7 p.m.

Lizz Wright: The Ark. Ann Arbor debut of this acclaimed young jazz singer and songwriter from Georgia whose limpid alto voice and feel for the drama of a song have provoked comparisons to everyone from Cassandra Wilson to Abbey Lincoln and even Billie Holiday. "Listening to Lizz Wright's debut, *Salt*, suggests Anita Baker as an understated folk-jazz-R&B singer," says the *Minneapolis Star Tribune. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $17.50 in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

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28 TUESDAY

★**Hunter/Jumper Classic: Waterloo Hunt Club.** *June 28–July 3.* Horses and riders from all over the U.S. compete in this A-rated American Horse Show Association event. Food concessions. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Waterloo Hunt Club, corner of Glenn and Katz, Grass Lake. (Take I-94 west to exit 150, go north 2 miles on Mount Hope Rd., and turn right onto Glenn.) Free to spectators. (517) 522–5010.*

"Paint a Pet Tent": White Rabbit Toys. Kids ages 5–12 invited to personalize a small tent for their pet's summer lounging comfort. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $12 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

★**"Got Tape? Redux: Duct Tape Creations for Kids": Ann Arbor District Library.** All youth in grades 6–12 invited to design and make a wallet, card holder, or other craft using duct tape. *2–4 p.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall. Free. 327–4200.*

"Hawaiian Luau Dinner": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's Roadhouse manager Ric Jewell hosts a dinner with a hog roast and other authentic luau fare, including poi (mashed tarot root) and grilled opacapaca (a kind of fish). *7 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson. $35. Reservations required. 663–FOOD.*

"Tex-Mex Sassy Salsas": Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education and Recreation. Local chef Chris Misener discusses and demonstrates how to make a range of salsas from black bean to mango. Refreshments. *7–9 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. $29 (Ann Arbor school district nonresidents, $34) Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**Larry "Pun" Plamondon: Ann Arbor District Library.** This 60s activist, cofounder of the Ann Arbor–based White Panther Party, discusses and reads from ***Lost from the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back,*** his memoir of his reconnection, after years as a fugitive and prisoner, with his Ottawa heritage, which enabled him to get sober and form an enduring marriage, and eventually learn to be a fine furniture maker and storyteller. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **Millish,** a local quartet, led by All-Ireland champion uilleann piper Tyler Duncan, that plays a brand of Irish-worldbeat fusion

that explores the links between traditional Irish music and roots music from Scotland and Brittany, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Spain, and America. Also, **The Terraplanes** (8:15 p.m.), a local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. The music is followed at dusk by *Meet the Fockers*, Jay Roach's 2004 comedy about the oil-and-water meeting of a newlywed couple's respective parents. 7 p.m.

★**The Wild Band of Snee: The Ark "Take a Chance Tuesdays."** New band led by Rushad Eggleston, an innovative cellist who was last in town as a member of the Darol Anger Fiddle Ensemble. "The Wild Band of Snee does a mixture of sneaky melodic instrumental and vocal music, as well as some fast rhythmical poetry and other weirdnesses," says Eggleston. Part of a monthly series of free concerts featuring lesser-known artists on the roster of the prestigious local management agency Fleming & Associates. All encouraged to bring nonperishable food or money to donate to Food Gatherers. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761–1451.*

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. See 7 Tuesday. 10 p.m.–midnight.

FILMS

MTF. "Eros" (Wong Kar-Way, Steven Soderbergh, & Michelangelo Antonioni, 2004). See 22 Wednesday. Mich., times TBA. **"Travellers and Magicians"** (Khyentse Norbu, 2003). See 24 Friday. Mich., times TBA. **"Babe"** (Chris Noonan, 1995). See 26 Monday. Mich., 7 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

★**"Safari Maps: Create Maps Through the Jungle": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids age 3 & up invited to drop by to make a map through the jungle to a treasure using stamps, markers, wild animal cutouts, and more. *2–2:45 p.m., AADL youth department, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Light Touch Healing: A 21st-Century Technology": Whole Foods Market.** Talk by local chiropractor Gordie Howe. *7–8:30 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **Dave Boutette,** a local folk-rock singer-guitarist whose genial songs about the small ups and downs of ordinary life draw on a range of influences from Chuck Berry to Paul Westerberg. Also, **Jay Webber** (8:15 p.m.), a northern Michigan singer-songwriter and guitarist who combines sweet-tempered, slightly whimsical lyrics with highly percussive music that has a Latin jazz edge and a touch of blues feeling. The music is followed at dusk by ***Finding Neverland,*** Marc Foster's sunny 2004 portrait of *Peter Pan* creator J. M. Barrie. 7 p.m.

★**"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series.** See 22 Wednesday. Tonight: **"Fourth of July Concert"** features a wide array of songs celebrating American culture, from "The Stars and Stripes Forever" to Sousa's baseball march, "The National Game." 8 p.m.

Turtle Island String Quartet: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Violinist David Balakrishnan founded this jazz quartet in 1986 as a means of exploring many sorts of music through strings. Tonight's program, **"Blue in Green: The Legacy of Miles Davis,"** features string arrangements of selections from *Kind of Blue, Milestones,* and other classic Miles Davis recordings. Members are cellist Mark Summer, violist Mads Tolling, violinist Evan Price, and violinist Balakrishnan. "If you're a fan of the string quartet, go. If you're a fan of new music, go. If you're a fan of jazz or Miles in particular, go. If you can't stand Miles or have never listened to jazz, go anyway," says one happy concertgoer. *Related event:* "Miles and Martini Night" for young professionals June 28 (preregistration required at 647–2278). *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $18–$32 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Repertoire": Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance. *June 29–July 3.* An evening of musical theater works TBA performed by Performance Network regulars. *8 p.m., Performance Network, 4120 E. Huron. Tickets whatever you can afford to pay (June 29) & $20 (June 30–July 3) in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. $3 discount for seniors; half-price student rush tickets available day of performance. 663–0681.*

"And the Winner Is . . .": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 23 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Ladies Show": Improv Inferno. See 1 Wednesday. 8 & 10 p.m.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "My Summer of Love" (Pawel Pawlikowski, 2004). *June 29 & 30.* When a lonely Yorkshire girl alienated from her newly religious brother meets the artsy and wealthy Tamzin, the 2 girls' increasingly close relationship begins to alarm their families. $8.50 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $6.75; MTF members, $5.50). 668–TIME. Michigan Theater, times TBA. **"Travellers and Magicians"** (Khyentse Norbu, 2003). See 24 Friday. Mich., times TBA.

30 THURSDAY

"Fast Cars": White Rabbit Toys. Kids ages 6–12 invited to make 2 silly race cars. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., White Rabbit, Traver Village Shopping Center, Plymouth Rd. at Nixon Rd. $8 materials fee. Preregistration required. 665–1555.*

53rd Annual Summer Carnival: Ann Arbor Jaycees. *June 30–July 4.* The popular W. G. Wade carnival company pays its annual visit. Midway games and adult & kid rides. Food concessions. Also, the Jaycees offer kids face painting, chalk for making sidewalk art, clowns, jugglers, and more. *3–10 p.m., Pioneer High School parking lot, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Free admission. Ride discount coupons available at a variety of local businesses. 913–9629.*

★**"Sing a Song and Dance Along": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local musician Geri Stein leads kids from babies to 4-year-olds (accompanied by a parent) in singing and dancing. Participants are invited to stay for 30 minutes after the program to play with toys in the program room. *6:30–7 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School Rd. & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

"Zingfeast: Market Fruit": Zingerman's Delicatessen. Zingerman's chef Rodger Bowser and hostess Erin Fairbanks host a family-style, all-you-can-eat feast showcasing market fruit and other locally grown foods. *7–9 p.m., Zingerman's, 422 Detroit St. $50. Reservations required. 663–3400.*

"Cooking with Mario, the Roman Chef": Whole Foods Market. Local chef Mario Corrado discusses and whips up stuffed eggplant, fettuccine with plum tomato sauce, and lightly fried cod. *7–8 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking and Lifestyle Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. $15. Reservations requested. 975–4500.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 17 Friday. Tonight: **The Horse Cave Trio,** a local ensemble led by veteran singer-bassist Ron Devore that plays blues-fueled rockabilly. Also, **The Witch Doctors** (8:15 p.m.), a local blues and R&B band led by singer-guitarist Thayrone, that plays what Thayrone calls "way-strong mojo, ritualistic barroom blues healing." The music is followed at dusk by ***Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery,*** Jay Roach's high-spirited 1997 spoof of James Bond films. 7 p.m.

★**Summer Gazebo Concerts: Manchester Recreation Task Force.** See 23 Thursday. Tonight: Back by popular demand, **The Picks & Sticks String Band** from Northville. 7:30 p.m.

Sandra Bernhard: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. This iconoclastic, prickly actress and comedian makes her Ann Arbor debut—finally—with **"Everything Bad and Beautiful,"** an acidulous, campy show of schlocky pop ditties interspersed with Bernhard's biting observational humor. Bernhard tosses off such tunes as Vanity 6's suggestive "Nasty Girl" and the Mary Jane Girls's funk tune "In My House" with a deadpan yet emotive flair. The concert builds up to a hilarious, cacophonous rendition of Sheila E.'s "Glamorous Life" complete with strobe light, live band, and Bernhard wailing away on a pair of tom-toms. Bernhard is accompanied by her touring band. "You've got to relish the trashiness of the material for camp to work, and Bernhard is a master of this dialogue," says one critic. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $22–$38 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Repertoire": Performance Network TreeTown Festival of Music and Dance. See 29 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"And the Winner Is": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 23 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm Night": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Catfight": Improv Inferno. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Full Frontal Comedy": Monkey Rampant Sketch Comedy. See 2 Thursday. 9–10:15 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.).

"High Octane": Improv Inferno. See 2 Thursday. 10 p.m.

FILMS

MTF. "Travellers and Magicians" (Khyentse Norbu, 2003). See 24 Friday. Mich., times TBA. **"My Summer of Love"** (Pawel Pawlikowski, 2004). See 29 Wednesday. Mich., times TBA.

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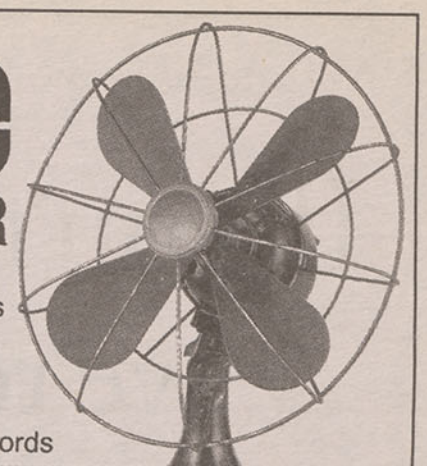

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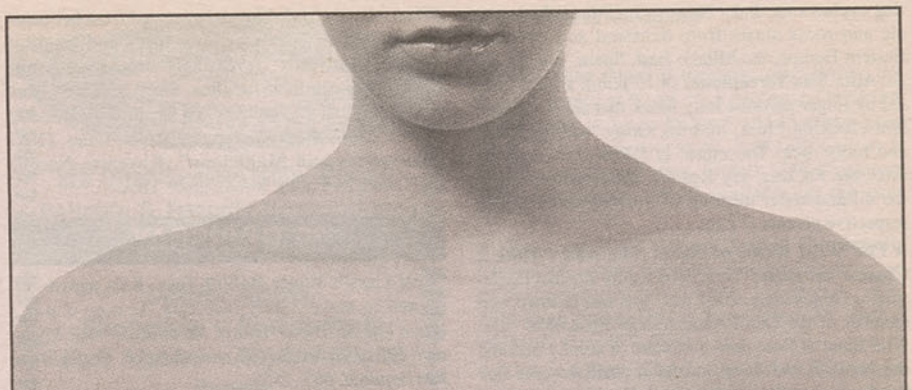

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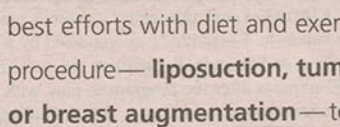

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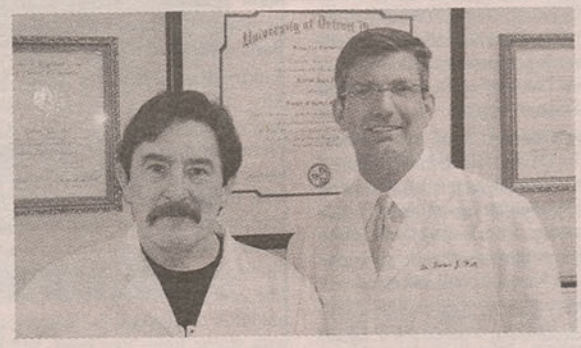

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The Ark

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Michigan's leading showcase for American and international performers of all forms of traditional music. Cover, no dancing. All shows begin at 8 p.m. (Sun., 7:30 p.m.) unless otherwise noted. **June 1:** Soul-inflected acoustic country-rock quartet from Chicago. Opening act is **Tally Hall.** See Events. **June 2: Stewart Francke.** Detroit folk-rock singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 4: RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. See Events. **June 6: David Grisman & the Old School Freight Train.** Avant-bluegrass by this ensemble led by mandolin virtuoso Grisman. **June 8: Loudon Wainwright III.** Veteran singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 9: Asleep at the Wheel.** Acclaimed western swing band. See Events. **June 10: Josh White Jr.** Veteran folk singer. See Events. **June 11: Ann Doyle.** Veteran local singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 12: Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory.** Blues band led by acclaimed young blues singer Hart. See Events. **June 13: Connie Kaldor.** Singer-songwriter. Opening act is **Eleni Kelakos.** See Events. **June 17: Corky Siegel's Traveling Chamber Blues Show.** Chamber blues ensemble led by blues harmonica virtuoso Siegel. See Events. **June 18: Jay Stielstra & the Country Quartet.** Country songs by an ensemble led by this veteran local singer-songwriter. With guest vocalist TBA. See Events. **June 20: Deanna Carter.** Popular Nashville-based singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 22: David Olney.** Acclaimed Nashville-based singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 23: David Wilcox.** Singer-songwriter from Asheville, North Carolina. See Events. **June 24: RFD Boys.** See above. **June 25: Repercussions.** All-female Lansing-area percussion and drum quintet. **June 26: Guy Clark.** Texas singer-songwriter. See Events. **June 27: Lizz Wright.** Acclaimed young jazz singer and songwriter from Georgia. See Events. **June 28: "Take a Chance Tuesday."** With **The Wild Band of Snee,** a band led by cellist Rushad Eggleston. FREE. See Events.

The Blind Pig

208 S. First St. **996–8555**

This local music club features live music 5 nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Also, occasional early shows, 7–10 p.m. Karaoke on Mon.; closed most Sun. If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Cover (except "Showcase Night"), dancing. **Every Tues.: "Showcase Night."** With 4 different young local bands. **June 1: Wolf Eyes.** Industrial-noise-electronica trio from Detroit led by singer-songwriter Aaron Dilloway. "Placed on the evolutionary charts, *Burned Mind* appears as the progeny of Throbbing Gristle's *Heathen Earth* sound model. But the complex of muscularity and emotional range found in Wolf Eyes' new sound model has rendered its apparent ancestry slow, clumsy, and rather limited in comparison," says Justin Farrar in his review of the band's new CD. Opening acts are 3 local noise-rock bands, **Red Wizard, Sick Llama,** and **Cutless & Kjeld.** See Events. **June 2: "The Best Damn Rap Tour."** Headliner is MC **C-Rays Walz.** Opening acts are **J-Live** and **Vast Aire.** See Events. **June 3: The Dirty Americans.** Detroit band whose heavy, guitar-driven rock 'n' roll has provoked comparisons to Helmet and the Rollins Band. Opening acts are **Overloaded,** a local alternative-rock band formerly known as Oblivion, and **Subgenius,** a local rock band **June 4: Outrageous Cherry.** Detroit psychedelic noise band. Opening acts are **The Fondas,** a Detroit postpunk garage rock quartet, and **Los Coronados,** a retro rock band. **June 8: Luciano.** Celebrated reggae singer-songwriter. With the **Jah Messenger Band** and saxophonist **Dean Fraser.** See Events. **June 9: The Book Was Better.** Local indie rock quartet. Opening acts TBA. **June 10: Bear vs. Shark.** Ypsilanti hard-rock band. Tonight the band celebrates the release of a new CD. Opening act is **Gatsby's American Dream,** a New York City rock band. **June 11: Gorilla Funk Mob.** Hip-hop ensemble that includes several top Ann Arbor–Detroit area MCs, including **One Be Lo, S.U.N., Now On,** and others. **June 12: Cloud Cult.** Inventive indie band led by Minnesota singer-songwriter Craig Minowa. See Events. **June 15: Fluoride Program.** Southeast Michigan rock 'n' roll quartet whose music incorporates an array of influences from ambient electronica to Motown grooves to classic 70s psych-rock. Opening act is **The Javelins,** an indie rock band. **June 16: The Original Headhunters.** Pioneering jazz-funk ensemble. See Events. **June 17: Smokestack.** Bluesy, groove-oriented Ypsilanti quintet. Opening act is **Like Water Drumworks,** a Chelsea-based African drumming ensemble. **June 18: Nomo.** Local ensemble that plays a mix of Afrobeat with Sun Ra- and Coltrane-influenced jazz. Opening act is **Arp of the Covenant,** a local jam band. **June 22: Citizen Cope.** Talented young singer-songwriter from Washington, D.C. See Events. **June 23: Bettie Serveert.** Veteran Dutch indie rock band. See Events. **June 24: The Sights.** Detroit rock 'n' roll band. See Events. **June 25: The Bang!** DJ collective that plays garage and 70s rock. **June 26: Easy Star All-Stars.** All-star reggae band. See Events. **June 29: The Ninjas.** Local ska band. Opening act is **Downtown Brown,** an Ypsilanti jam band. **June 30: Counter Cosby.** Local jam-rock band. Opening act TBA.

Cafe Felix

204 S. Main **662–8650**

This downtown cafe features live music Fri., 9 p.m.–midnight. No cover, no dancing. **Every Fri.: Deep Blue.** Jazz trio led by drummer John Churchville.

Cavern Club

210 S. First St. **913–8890**

This downtown club, in the Celebration Cellars banquet space in the basement under the Millennium Club, features live music on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (includes admission to Millennium Club and Gotham City) Sat. only, dancing. Age 21 (men) and 19 (women) & older admitted. **June 3** (6–9 p.m.)**: Jim Tate Band.** Versatile honky-tonk band led by singer-guitarist Tate, a longtime local favorite. The band's huge repertoire includes blues, country, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, and R&B. The lineup of local veterans includes bassist Chris Goerke, drummer Mark Newbound, keyboardist Jimmy King, and guitarist Danny McIntire. No cover. **June 3: Joce'lyn B & the Detroit Street Players.** Detroit blues band led by Joce'lyn B, a popular vocalist who's said to blend the voice of "Bessie Smith, the attitude of Mae West, and the mouth of Moms Mabley." **June 4: Gordon Bennett.** Detroit rock 'n' roll quintet that plays covers and originals. **June 10: Ultraviolet.** Detroit band that plays 80s & 90s rock hits. **June 11: Killer Flamingos.** Rock 'n' roll covers and originals by this popular, veteran band from Wayne. **June 17: Starfarm.** 70s, 80s, 90s, and contemporary rock covers by this East Lansing quintet led by vocalist Andrea Bingham and singer-guitarist Dan Malnar. **June 18: Radiocraft.** Detroit indie rock band fronted by singer-songwriter Suzie Ferro. **June 24:** (6–9 p.m.)**: Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local band fueled by vocalist Pontiac Pete Ferguson's alternately soulful and ornery vocals. Their country-based repertoire still features lots of classic honky-tonk, but they also cover everything from early Chuck Berry to Sam & Dave to the Meters. The band's guiding presence seems to be Elvis—

rock

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

FUBAR

Bottled sunlight

Suddenly is an appropriate name for FUBAR's debut CD only in this sense: You're waiting around a long time for someone you expect. You give up hope. And then your visitor shows up, *suddenly*.

Or maybe the title is meant to be ironic. For those of us who've been hearing FUBAR in its sporadic local performances for years, band organizer Randy Tessier's continued assurances that the group would soon release a CD began to sound like a running gag.

A better title would have been *At Last*. But then you would have expected to hear Sophia Hanifi soulfully crooning the Etta James ballad of that name. Alas, that's one of many excellent FUBAR covers missing from *Suddenly* (along with favorites from Jackie Wilson and the Byrds).

However, you can't blame a group this talented for using ten of the disc's generous seventeen tracks on original material—especially not when those selections include Hanifi's soul-searching anthem "The Great Divide," guitar genius Tessier's lovesick rocker "Resignation," and keyboardist Andy Adamson's rousing, optimistic "You and I."

I can't complain. After all, while FUBAR covers one Bob Dylan ("It's All Over Now, Baby Blue"), one Carole King / Gerry Goffin (the tart "Oh No Not My Baby"), and one Ray Davies ("Dead End Street"), FUBAR finds room for *two* tunes by Love, the great obscure 1960s group whose work I admire and whose challenging songs are rarely attempted.

In fact, *Suddenly* leads off with Love front man Arthur Lee's frenzied "A House Is Not a Hotel," an apocalyptic love song that calls paranoid attention to the color of bathwater, among other omens. It's a brilliant start, with Hanifi belting out the half-crazed lyrics and the band at full tilt. But four songs later, Love's haunting "Alone Again Or" is slowed from a defiant love-power anthem into something closer to a jazzy Spanish ballad. It's one of several tunes that sacrifice some of FUBAR's potent spontaneity for studio polish.

Throughout this highly listenable CD, production values are impeccable, and it's obvious the group labored long and hard to get everything right. That couldn't have been easy, given that band members have other gigs both workaday and musical (Tessier with George Bedard and the Kingpins, notably), and FUBAR is truly a labor of love.

Fortunately, Hanifi's sassy, sour-sweet voice is front and center, not always the case in live performances in cramped venues. With the surging power of bassist Oni Werth's licks, the honky-tonk hijinks of Adamson's keyboards, the brassy calls of Dave Cavender's trumpet, and the driving beat of Jim Carey's drums—not to mention Tessier's wild-man guitar solos—FUBAR is a group that needs room to roam.

The multifaceted musicianship of this wide-ranging group makes it seem one step away from stardom—or breakup. It's potentially intoxicating, and first-time listeners might fall in love with this CD. To this FUBAR groupie, though, the band feels a bit hemmed in, toned down, and smoothed out in the studio. Capturing the spontaneity of live FUBAR performances is like bottling sunlight. I think FUBAR continues to underestimate its possibilities, and with one CD finally, suddenly under its belt, I look forward to seeing the group break loose to explore even wilder terrain.

FUBAR celebrates the release of *Suddenly* at the Firefly Club on Saturday, June 11.

—Michael Betzold

including both large chunks of his repertoire and his attitude that any music he did suited him just because he did it. The band also includes guitarist George Bedard, bassist Chris Goerke, drummer Mark Newbound, and keyboardist Jim King. **June 24: Lady Sunshine & the X Band.** Local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style is something of a cross between Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. **June 25: Killer Flamingos.** See above.

Club Above

215 N. Main **663–7758**

This dance club on the top floor of the Heidelberg restaurant features a variety of live and recorded music Thurs.–Sun., 9:30 p.m.–2 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Also, comedy on Tues. (see Events), and karaoke on Wed., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Age 21 & older admitted unless otherwise noted. **Every Fri.: Latino Night.** DJ Xcess plays salsa, merengue, reggae, and other Latin dance records. Also, salsa lessons, 9–10 p.m. **Every Sun.: Mexican Night.** With DJ Miguel or a live Mexican band. **June 2: Eric Moore Band.** Local band led by singer-songwriter Moore, who writes passionate white soul songs in the tradition of Van Morrison, Sting, and John Martyn. **June 4: Flirt.** All-female old-school punk band from Detroit. Opening acts are the Detroit garage band **The Betty Fords,** the Toledo hard-rock band **Highbinder,** and **Blammo,** a veteran local sextet that plays a blend of wickedly humorous, socially observant originals and choice punk covers by the likes of Patti Smith, the Dead Kennedys, X, and the Ramones. **June 9:** TBA. **June 11: Brad's Dead Fish.** Local hard-rock band. **June 16:** TBA. **June 18: Deep Space Six.** Popular local Grateful Dead cover band. **June 23: Lingua Franca.** Flint band that plays Tom Waits–inflected pop. Opening acts TBA. **June 25:** Closed. **June 30: Seahorse Napkin Force.** *Tentative*. Local jam-rock band.

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Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main **665–2968**

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. (7:30–10 p.m.) and Tues.–Thurs. and occasional other nights (9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.). **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. **Every Tues.: Jerry Sprague Band.** Roots-rock band led by veteran local singer-guitarist Sprague. **June 1: Rob Bugar.** Folk-rock singer-guitarist. **June 2: Mossy Moran.** Traditional singer from Ireland. **June 8: S. G. Wood.** Rock 'n' roll covers and originals by this singer-guitarist. **June 9: Busstop.** See Goodnite Gracie. **June 15: John & Mike Bugar.** This local alternative-rock duo performs covers by everyone from Dave Matthews to Coldplay. **June 16: Gerard Smyth.** Irish folk-rock band led by singer-guitarist Smyth. **June 22: Mossy Moran.** See above. **June 23: The Hummingbirds.** Twang-filled acoustic country and American roots music originals and covers by the local duo of singer-guitarists S. G. Wood and Rachel Hercula, winners of a Detroit Music Award as Best Country Band. **June 29: Bruno's Brawlers.** Upbeat Irish music by this local trio. **June 30: Randy Brook Band.** Traditional Irish music.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room

114 S. Main **665–9468**

This tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 8:30–10:30 p.m. **June 3: Barefoot.** Local folk, country, and blues quartet. **June 4: Djilia Pharlengo.** Flamenco guitarist who fuses traditional gypsy music with Middle Eastern and West European Renaissance music. **June 10: Terry Farmer.** Thoughtful folk-rock originals with elements of classical guitar by this Manchester-based singer-songwriter and guitarist, a New Folk finalist at the 2001 Kerrville Folk Festival who recently released his 2nd solo CD. **June 11: The Ragbirds.** Inventive local country-rock band, fronted by singer-songwriter Erin Zindle, whose music mixes in elements of world-music, groove rock, and edgy pop, using a diverse mix of instruments, including violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion, acoustic guitar, and percussion elements from around the world, as well as the old-fashioned drumkit. The band recently released its debut CD, *Yes Nearby*. **June 17: The Royal Garden Trio.** Early jazz standards and Hot Club–style gypsy jazz by this local trio led by guitarist Brian Delaney. With cellist Michael Karoub and clarinetist and tenor guitarist Tom Bogardus. **June 18: Lisa Pappas.** Michigan singer-songwriter who sings twangy pop-folk and country originals. **June 24: Richard Smerin.** English singer-guitarist who plays traditional blues and originals songs. **June 25: Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio.** This local trio led by guitar virtuoso Summers plays the music of Django Reinhardt, Charlie Christian, and Lenny Breau. With guitarist Chris Moyer and bassist Dave Sharp.

Creekside Grill and Bar

5827 Jackson Rd. **827–2737**

The intimate bar area of this restaurant in Scio Township features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.–midnight. Cover, dancing. **June 26: II-V-I Orchestra.** Veteran local big band, led by saxophonist David Swain, that plays late-30s swing and 40s R&B.

The Earle

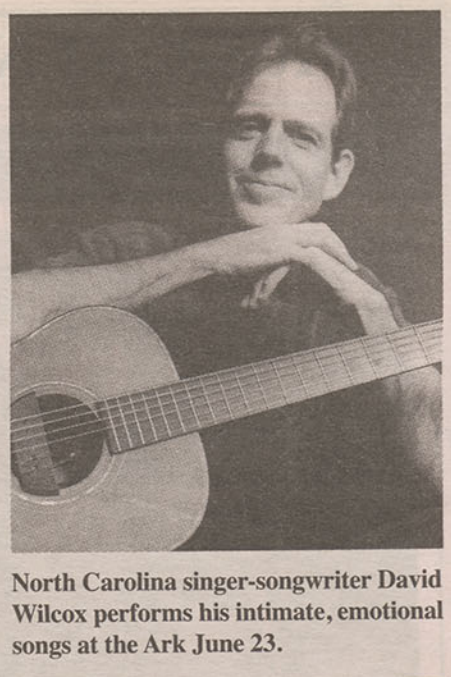
121 W. Washington **994–0211**

Restaurant with live jazz Mon.–Sat., 8–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon.: Rick Burgess.** Solo pianist. **Every Tues.: Duncan McMillian.** Solo pianist. **Every Wed.: Rick Burgess.** Solo pianist. **Every Thurs.: Jake Reichbart.** Solo jazz guitarist. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio.** Jazz ensemble featuring pianist Burgess, bassist Robert Warren, and a drummer TBA.

Elbow Room

6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti **483–6374**

This Ypsilanti tavern features live music and/or DJs Mon., Wed., Thurs., and occasional other weeknights, 9 p.m.–1 a.m., and Fri. & Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: "House Night."** With DJ **Brian Roy. Every Wed.: Open Mike Jam.** All musicians invited. **June 3: Desolation Angels.** Detroit indie rock band. **June 4: Diver.** Local punk band. Opening acts are the Illinois pop-punk band **Sleeping Past Ten,** the heavy rock band **Wizards of Hope,** and **Seahorse Napkin Force** (see Club Above). **June 5: Mason Proper.** Local indie pop-rock band. Opening act is **Cats and Dogs,** a Wisconsin coed rock band. **June 7: Eighty-D.** Catchy postpunk rock 'n' roll with soaring vocal harmonies by this Milwaukee trio. Opening acts are **Seahorse Napkin Force** (see Club Above), the Australian noise-rock band **The Grey Daturas,** and the Kalamazoo rock band **The Tease. June 9: Free Noise Project.** A blend of improvisational music and experimental noise by ensembles of randomly grouped local musicians. No cover. **June 10: Corndaddy.** Local alt-country band led by singer-songwriters Kevin Brown and Jud Branam whose music mixes equal parts of Gram Parsons and Uncle Tupelo. Opening acts are **The Hummingbirds** (see Conor O'Neill's), the Cincinnati roots-rock band **The Stapletons,** and **Paul's Big Radio,** a rootsy country-pop band led by local singer-songwriter Paul Lippens. **June 11: Whitey Morgan & the Waycross, Georgia, Farm Boys,** a Detroit classic country, honky-tonk, and retro rock band formerly known as Long Black Sedan. Opening acts are the Ypsilanti punkabilly trio **Chapstik,** the Detroit melodic hard-rock band **Diegrinder,** and **Tensionhead,** a Saginaw band that plays Southern rock. **June 14: The Tri Fives.** Florida punk-rock trio. Opening acts are **Electroshockbox,** a minimalist rock band, and 2 Toledo electronica bands, **Rediscover** and **Know One. June 17: The Damn Bandits.** Local rock band. Opening acts are **Downtown Brown,** an Ypsilanti jam band, and **Troubleman,** a local rock 'n' roll band. **June 18: The Dunebuggy Attack Battalion.** Ypsilanti psychedelic folk-rock band. Opening acts are the local rock band **Busy Signal,** the local college rock band **So & So & the Down Low,** the rock band **Pilot Inspector,** and the local alternative-rock band **Loud Love. June 19: Sleep Til Dusk.** Detroit band that plays mellow indie rock. Opening acts are the country-rock band **The Mortons,** the Cleveland Americana band **Blu Vertaal,** and **Wailin' Elroys,** an Athens, Ohio, band that plays old-time rock 'n' roll. **June 24: Lobby.** Local alternative rock band. Opening acts are 2 Ohio pop-rock bands, **The Jaded** and **Earwig,** and **Red 57,** a Livingston County rock band. **June 25: Tribute Night.** An evening of original songs by the Detroit rock 'n' roll band **Mound** and several other Ann Arbor and Detroit-area bands, who ordinarily get together once a month to perform music by the bands that have influenced them. **June 26: Narwhals Collide.** Ypsilanti noise-rock band. Opening acts are **Scotty Karate and Jo Jo Buns,** a high-energy honky-tonk rock 'n' roll duo from Chelsea, and **Eliza Beatrix Godfrey,** a local singer-songwriter. **June 30: Killdrama.** Local college rock band. Opening acts are **Monogatari,** an all-female Detroit rock band, and **Dead Letter Department,** a Toronto rock band.



North Carolina singer-songwriter David Wilcox performs his intimate, emotional songs at the Ark June 23.

Espresso Royale Caffe

214 S. Main **668–1838**

The downtown location of this popular coffeehouse features live music on Sat., 9–11 p.m. **June 4: Blue Tango.** Local folk- and blues-inflected rock 'n' roll quintet led by vocalist Surry Scheerer and guitarist Jack Scheerer. **June 11: Nick Strange Trio.** See Goodnite Gracie. **June 18: Markita Moore.** Soulful acoustic folk and rock by this singer-guitarist. **June 25: Richard Smerin.** See Crazy Wisdom.

The Firefly Club

207 S. Ashley **665–9090**

Jazz and blues club that was recently named Best Metro Detroit Jazz Club by the *Detroit Free Press*. Live jazz Mon., occasional Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 8 p.m.–midnight; Fri. & Sat., 9 p.m.–1 a.m.; & Sun., 8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Also, happy-hour music Sun., 5–8 p.m. Sun. jazz brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Cover (unless otherwise noted), dancing. **Every Fri.** (5:30–8 p.m.)**: Easy Street Swingtet.** Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Paul Klinger. **Every Sun.** (5–8 p.m.)**: Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.** This local 10-piece big band is one of the few to specialize in the old-time big-band music of the late 20s and early 30s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. Arrangements by the renowned early-jazz pianist James Dapogny and tubaist Chris Smith. The rest of the lineup includes 3 saxophonists/clarinetists, 2 trumpeters, a trombonist, a guitarist/banjo player, and a drummer. **Every Mon.: Paul Keller Orchestra.** Award-winning 15-piece big band, formerly known as the Bird of Paradise Orchestra, led by bassist Keller and featuring vocalist (and Firefly Club owner) Susan Chastain. **Every Wed.: Paul Keller Ensemble.** High-energy mainstream jazz by this ensemble led by bassist Keller that features 3 horns. **Every Thurs.** (except–June 2 & 23)**: Los Gatos.** Mambos and cha-chas by this local Latin jazz band that specializes in the music of Cal Tjader, the late San Francisco vibes player who ignited the 50s mambo craze. Led by drummer Pete Siers, the group also includes vibes player Cary Kocher, bassist Kurt Krahnke, pianist Brian DiBlassio, and percussionist Jonathan Ovalle. Preceded by beginning (6:15 p.m.) and intermediate (7 p.m.) Latin dance lessons ($5 includes cover for the band). **June 2: Bobby Few & Avram Fever.** Mainstream jazz by the duo of Few, a veteran jazz pianist in the tradition of Erroll Garner, Thelonious Monk, McCoy Tyner, and Cecil Taylor, and Fever, a saxophonist known for the expressive rhythmic pulse of his horn lines. Few and Fever recently released 2 CDs, *Kindred Spirits* and *Heavenly Spirits*. 8 & 10 p.m. **June 3: Mark Kieme Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by local saxophonist Kieme. **June 4: Tumbao.** See Goodnite Gracie. **June 10: Herrold/Gordon Small Band.** Local jazz ensemble led by bassist Edie Herrold and guitarist Neil Gordon that plays swing and Latin jazz originals and jazz standards. Other members are trumpeter Paul Finkbeiner, saxophonist Chris Collins, and drummer Sean Dobbins. The band has an acclaimed CD, *Think Big*. **June 11: FUBAR.** *See review, p. 107.* 6-piece band led by Kingpins bassist Randy Tessier and featuring former Map of the World vocalist Sophia Hanifi. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of originals by Hanifi and Tessier and covers of everyone from the Everly Brothers, the Kinks, and the Yardbirds to Miles Davis, Steve Earle, and U2. Tonight the band celebrates the release of its debut CD, *Suddenly*. **June 14: Dave Sharp Trio.** Straight-ahead jazz by this local trio led by bassist Sharp. **June 17: Paul Keller Trio.** High-energy mainstream jazz by this ensemble led by bassist Keller. **June 18: Moutin Reunion Quartet.** Inventive, playful acoustic avant-garde jazz fusion with a strong rhythmic drive by this Parisian quartet. **June 21: Paul Keller Trio.** See above. **June 23: Lonnie Smith.** Jazz ensemble led by this veteran Detroit soul-jazz Hammond organist and pianist known for his whirlwind 20-minute crescendos. **June 24: Jake Reichbart Trio.** Jazz ensemble led by local guitarist Reichbart. **June 25: Ursula Walker.** This veteran Detroit jazz singer is backed by a trio led by her husband, pianist **Buddy Budson.**

Frenchie's Jazz Club

54 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti **483–5230**

This Depot Town club affiliated with the adjacent Sidetrack Cafe features occasional live music, 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. No cover, dancing. June schedule TBA.

Goodnite Gracie

301 W. Huron **623–2070**

Martini and cigar bar connected to D'Amato's restaurant. Live jazz Wed.–Sat., 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. **Every Tues.: "Deep-Chilled House & Techno."** With DJ R. Elliot. **Every Wed. & Thurs.: Laith Al-Saadi.** An eclectic mix of jazz, blues, R&B, Motown, and pop, including many originals, by a trio led by this local singer-guitarist. **June 3: Busstop.** Smart, playful rock 'n' roll with a funky R&B edge by this local band fronted by Julia Ingalls whose repertoire ranges from vintage Stevie Wonder and Steely Dan to Sheryl Crow, along with some originals. **June 4: Sparklemotion.** Local quintet that plays jazz, soul, and avant-funk covers and originals. **June 10: Terraplanes.** Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. The band has a CD, *Well Tuned*. With guitarist Dave Fero, blues harpist and keyboardist Phil Ryski, saxophonist Willie Rankin, bassist Wendy Hayes, and drummer Lenny Gilpatrick. **June 11: Dave Sharp Quartet.** Hard-bop, ballads, and straight-ahead jazz by this local quartet led by bassist Sharp. **June 17: Tumbao.** Cuban jazz quintet led by local saxophonist and flutist Paul VornHagen and percussionist Alberto Nacif. With pianist Sven Anderson, bassist John Barron, and Javier Barrios on timbales. The band has released a debut CD, *Montuno Salad*. **June 18: Nick Strange Trio.** See Habitat. **June 24: Al Hill Band.** Blues, R&B, and soul standards, originals, and obscurities by this local quartet led by Hill's wailing vocals and pumping piano. **June 25: Busstop.** See above.

Gotham City

210 S. First St. **913–8890**

This downtown dance club, located above the Cavern Club and adjacent to the Millennium Club, features DJs on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (includes admission to Cavern and Millennium clubs), dancing. Age 21 (men) and 19 (women) & older admitted. **Every Fri. & Sat.: House Night.** With DJ J Smooth.

The Habitat Ultralounge

3050 Jackson Rd. **665–3636**

Lounge at Weber's Inn. Solo piano (6–9 p.m.) by **Adam Riccinto** (Tues.–Fri.) and **Tom Knapp** (Sat. & Sun.). Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: "Monday Groove."** With DJ Miguel White. 7 p.m.–midnight. **June 3 & 4: Dal Bouie.** Detroit show band. **June 7–9: Terraplanes.** See Goodnite Gracie. **June 10 & 11: Nite Flight.** Local reggae and calypso band. **June 14–18: Destiny.** Latin pop dance band. **June 21–23: Nick Strange Trio.** Popular local rock, blues, & reggae dance band. **June 24 & 25: Bugs Beddow Band.** Versatile horn-driven R&B, boogie-rock, blues, and jazz ensemble led by veteran Detroit trombonist Beddow. **June 28–30:** TBA.

Millennium Club

210 S. First St. **913–8890**

This downtown dance club, located above the Cavern Club and adjacent to the Gotham City club, features DJs Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (includes admission to Cavern Club and Gotham City),

dancing. Age 21 (men) and 19 (women) & older admitted. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Techno Nite.** With DJ Mad Maxx.

The Necto

510 E. Liberty **994–5436**

This popular local dance club features local and national DJs 5 nights a week, Mon.–Wed., 10 p.m.–2 a.m., & Thurs.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (Thurs.–Sat. after 10 p.m. only), dancing. **Every Sun.:** TBA. **Every Mon.: "Factory."** DJ Jinx spins industrial, goth, synth pop, and New Romantic records. **Every Thurs.: "Spring Thursdays."** DJ Binzo spins Top 40 and hip-hop records. **Every Fri.: "Pride."** With DJ Timmy D spinning high-energy dance tunes in the main room and DJ Blur spinning pop, retro, and R&B in the downstairs Red Room. **Every Sat.: "Frequency."** In the main room DJ Binzo plays Top 40 hip-hop and dance music, and in the red room DJ Marquee plays a variety of retro party music.

Northfield Roadhouse

50 E. North Territorial at Whitmore Lake Rd. **327–3693**

This new tavern features live music Wed., 8–11 p.m.; Fri & Sat., 8 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; & Sun., 5:30–9:30 p.m. Also, acoustic blues singer-guitarists during happy hour on Fri., 5:30–8 p.m. **Every Sun.: Chef Chris & the Blue Plate Special.** Blues band led by vocalist and blues harpist Chef Chris. **Every Wed.: Blues Jam.** Hosted by veteran singer-guitarist Michael Katon. All blues musicians invited. **Every Fri.** (5:30–8 p.m.)**: Michael Katon.** Blues and blues-rock by this veteran singer-guitarist. **June 3: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.** Soulful swing, New Orleans–style funk, and boogie-woogie blues by this veteran local band led by Hill's wailing vocals and pumping piano. **June 4: Michael Katon Band.** Southern blues-rock band led by veteran local singer/guitarist Katon. **June 10: The Blues Rollers.** Local blues band. **June 11: Horse Cave Trio.** Blues-fueled rockabilly by this local trio led by veteran singer-bassist Ron Devore. **June 12** (4–7 p.m.)**: Horse Cave Trio.** See above. **June 17: Chris & the Blue Plate Special.** See above. **June 18: Rhythm House Ramblers.** Detroit-area blues band. **June 24: Witch Doctors.** This local blues and R&B band led by singer-guitarist Thayrone, best known as the host of the nationally syndicated *Bone Conduction Music Show*, plays what Thayrone calls "way-strong mojo, ritualistic barroom blues healing." **June 25: Shirley Franklin & Delta Drive.** Detroit-area Chicago-style blues quintet led by vocalist Franklin.

Old Town

122 W. Liberty **662–9291**

This downtown corner bar features live music Sun. and occasional other nights, 8–10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are usually accompanied by various drop-in friends. **June 5: John Latini.** Acoustic rock-based originals by this veteran local rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter. **June 12: Timothy Monger.** High lonesome originals by this engaging singer-songwriter-guitarist from the Great Lakes Myth Society. **June 19: Uses for Wood.** The local duo of Colin Murphy and Gannon Alexander play guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and other wooden instruments. Their repertoire also includes tasty alt-country, blues, and rock 'n' roll covers. **June 26: Matt Jones & Misty Lyn.** Double bill. Jones is a local singer-songwriter known for his thoughtfully wistful songs and engaging, sweet-voiced singing. Lyn is a local Americana singer-songwriter known for her soulful voice and frank, fresh original songs.

Oz

210 S. Fifth Ave. **222–4770**

New nightclub located in the former Ann Arbor Theater. DJs or live music Tues. & Wed., 8 p.m.–2 a.m.; Thurs.–Sat., 8 p.m.–4 a.m.; & occasional Sun., 6 p.m.–midnight. Cover (except Tues.) after 11 p.m., dancing. **Every Tues.: Jazz.** With live bands TBA. **Every Wed.: Hip-Hop & Reggae.** With DJs TBA. **Every Thurs.: Top 40 Night.** With DJs TBA. **Every Fri.: International Night.** Arabic, Indian, and hip-hop music with DJ Fares. Also, a belly dancing show at midnight. **Every Sat.: Hip-Hop and Old Skool.** With DJ Fares.

Oz's Music Environment

1920 Packard **662–8283**

This storefront next to Oz's music store features live music Tues. & occasional other nights, 7:30–9:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Cover, no dancing. **June 7: "Songwriters Open Stage."** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak. **June 11: North.** Local semiacoustic folk-rock trio that has released a CD, *Revolutions*. **June 14: "Anything Goes Open Stage."** All musicians invited. Hosted by Laura MacKimmie. **June 21: "Acoustic Open Stage."** All acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by Dave Guimond. **June 28: "Featured Songwriter Open Mike."** All songwriters invited. Featured performer TBA.

Portofino's

2550 W. Stadium **222–6066**

This new coffee shop features live music Fri., 8–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. The music program has been suspended until the construction work on Stadium is completed.

Rush Street

314 S. Main **913–0330**

The bar in this new downtown restaurant features live music Thurs. & occasional other nights, 10 p.m.–1 a.m. **Every Thurs.: Conley & Young.** Contemporary–indie rock originals and covers by the duo of guitarist Jason Conley and violinist Rob Young.

Rick's American Cafe

611 Church **996–2747**

This campus-area club features DJs Mon. & Wed.–Sat., 10 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Large dance floor. Dancing, cover. **Every Mon. & Thurs.: "Jammin' DJs."** DJs TBA play dance music. **Every Wed.: "High Energy Dance Party."** With DJ John King. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Supermack.** Techno music with DJs from Supermack Productions.

Scorekeepers Sports Bar & Grill

310 Maynard **995–0100**

DJs on Tues. & Thurs., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Age 21 & older admitted. **Every Tues.: Dance Music.** With DJs TBA. **Every Wed.: Blues Jam.** Hosted by the **Master Tones,** a local blues band. All blues musicians and vocalists invited. **Every Thurs.–Sat.: Dance Music.** With DJs TBA.

Studio 4

313 S. Fourth Ave. **302–3687**

This dinner club features DJs Wed.–Sun., 9 p.m.–2 a.m., playing a wide variety of dance music. Cover (women admitted free on Fri. before 11 p.m.), dancing. Age 18 & older (Wed.) and 21 & older (Thurs.–Sun.) admitted. **Every Wed. & Thurs.:** DJs play dance music TBA. **Every Fri.: "International Dance Party."** With DJ C4. **Every Sat.: "Hip-Hop and House Night."** With DJ Jason "J Smooth" Doliveck. **Every Sun.: "Hip-Hop and Reggae Night."** With a DJ TBA.

Tap Room

201 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 482–5320

This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern is resuming its music programming on a very limited scale, with Mon. open mikes, 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. No cover, dancing. **Every Mon.: Open Mike.** Hosted by the Martindales singer-guitarist Brian Brickley.

TC's Speakeasy

207 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 483–4470

This downtown Ypsilanti tavern features a jam session on Mon., karaoke on Tues., DJs on Wed., open mike on Thurs., and DJs or dance bands on Fri. & Sat. (9:30 p.m.–2 a.m.). Dancing, no cover unless otherwise noted. **Every Sun.: Reggae.** Old and new reggae records with One Root Sound DJ Selector Joshua. **Every Mon.: Open Mike.** All musicians invited. Hosted by the local pop-folk jam band Citygoat. **Every Thurs.: Open Mike.** Hosted by Rootstand frontman Brant. All musicians invited. **June 3: Rootstand.** Local band whose music blends bluegrass, blues, reggae, and Celtic folk idioms and instrumentation. **June 4: Deep Space Six.** See Club Above. **June 10: Back Forty.** Local acoustic string quartet that plays twangy roots-folk music fused with elements of jazz and rock. Opening act is **Jam Samich,** a local jam-rock band. **June 11: Twistin' Tarantulas.** Very popular Detroit rockabilly band. Opening act is **Hullabaloo,** a local quintet that plays ska and 80s-style pop. **June 17: The Ragbirds.** See Crazy Wisdom. Opening act is **Glowb,** a neopsychedelic funk-rock jam band from Flint. **June 18: Avenue and Frieze.** Double bill of local alternative-rock bands. Opening act TBA. **June 24: The Bluescasters.** Local blues band. **June 25: Stash.** Detroit pop-reggae band. Opening act is **The Intentions,** a 7-piece local roots reggae band.

Touchdown Cafe

1220 South University **665–7777**

This campus-area cafe features music Wed.–Fri., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. June schedule TBA. ■

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SBM, 41, associate's degree, employed, ISO SF, race open, for serious LTR. Likes movies, dinners, and spending time together. Loves kids. ☎5481✍

Nice-looking **SBM,** 46, ISO F around 40–50 years of age. Race open. Likes sports, movies. ☎5480✍

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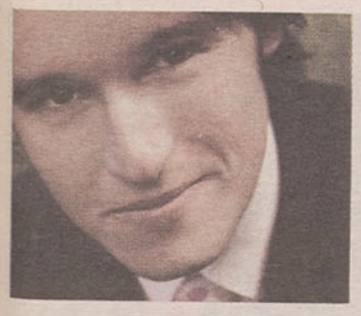

DWM, 67 years young, 190 lbs., 5'11". Attractive, home-centered, enjoys music, nature, gardening, spirituality, ISO slender A, H, or WF for LTR. ☎5385✍

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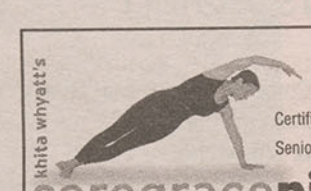

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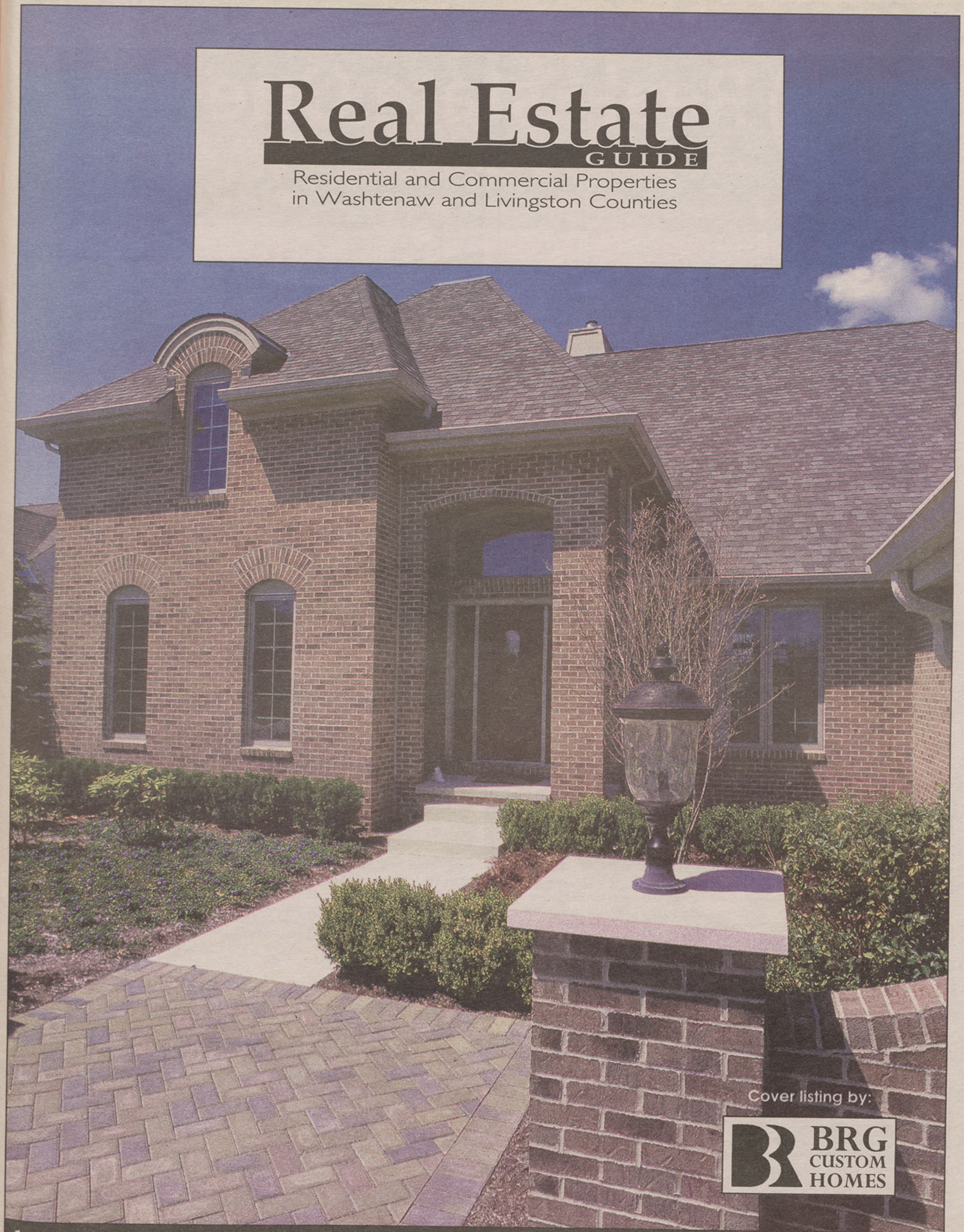

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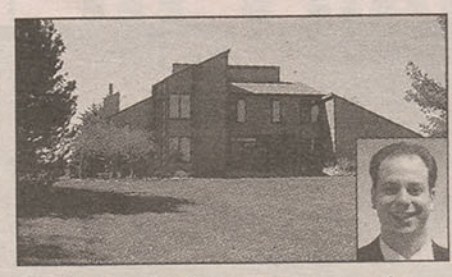

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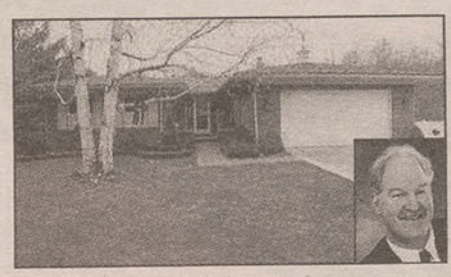

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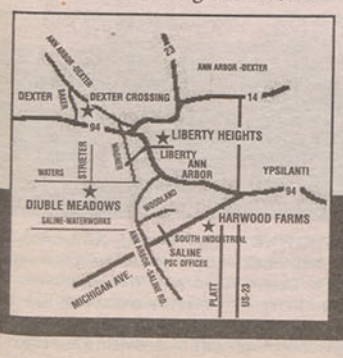

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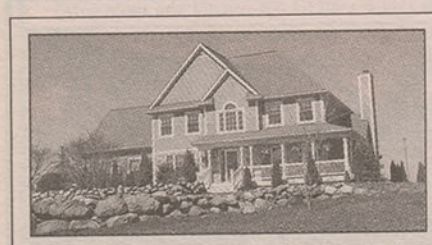
STONEBRIDGE – Gorgeous 4-bedroom, 3½-bath custom-built home on a private lot surround by common land. Incredible features throughout include custom kitchen with commercial appliances and granite island, great room with vaulted ceiling, first-floor master suite, and finished basement with view out windows. $579,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**



SALINE – Striking 4-bedroom, 2½-bath home on 10.5 peaceful acres in Lodi Township. Colonial-style home with large front porch, 30' x 40' outbuilding, sharp interior featuring open kitchen with maple cabinets, large family room, luxury master suite with sitting room, and finished walkout basement. $529,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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SALINE – Fabulous 4-bedroom, 3½-bath brand-new colonial by Bayberry Construction in Huntington Woods. This home is loaded with all the features you desire. Highlights include 3-car garage, walkout basement, cherry kitchen, granite countertops, luxury master suite, and top quality throughout. $499,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BRIARHILL – This is a wonderful home! You will be impressed by the features and amenities in this custom-built 4-bedroom, 2½-bath home. Great cul-de-sac location, 3-car garage, hickory kitchen, 2-story family room, luxury master suite, and finished basement with view-out windows. $479,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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BRIARHILL – This 4-bedroom, 2½-bath, 3,100-sq.-ft. colonial sits on a gorgeous cul-de-sac lot backing to trees. Wonderful features throughout with 3-car garage, large kitchen open to the family room with vaulted ceiling, fenced yard, walkout basement, generous bedrooms, and more. $449,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – This is the first spec being built in Legacy Heights by Bayberry Construction. Saline's newest neighborhood located at Maple and Textile. Super sharp 4-bedroom, 2½-bath colonial on a spacious ½-acre lot. Wonderful touches including 3-car garage, cherry kitchen, and granite countertops. $445,198. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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NEWPORT HILLS – Stunning 5-bedroom, 3½-bath colonial on a quiet cul-de-sac location backing to common area. This wonderful home has all the features you're hoping for with custom maple kitchen, granite counters, ample hardwood floors, luxury master suite, and finished walkout basement. $749,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING –STONEBRIDGE – Stately 4-bedroom, 4½-bath custom-built home on the 9th hole at Stonebridge. Gracious brick colonial on perfect grounds with extensive patio, 3-car garage, 2-story family room, cherry kitchen, luxury master suite, and finished basement with bar, rec room, home theater, and bath. $719,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING IN STONEBRIDGE – This 4-bedroom, 3½-bath custom-built home sits on one of the finest sites you'll find anywhere! Property backs to a gorgeous stream with views of nature and the golf course. Home features 2-story great room, luxury master with marble bath, finished walkout basement, and more. Saline Schools. $699,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – Fabulous custom-built home on one of the best sites in Stonebridge. Enjoy gorgeous nature and golf course views from the ample decks and windows of this stunning home. Incredible features throughout with 2-story family room, custom kitchen with granite counters, and luxury master suite. $578,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Incredible secluded estate-type property backing to the Saline River. Gracious colonial design loaded with custom features and amenities. Two-story foyer, 9' first-floor ceilings, oversized family room, luxury master suite, and finished walkout basement. $559,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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HUNTINGTON WOODS – This is another quality 4-bedroom, 3½-bath home by Bayberry Construction in one of Saline's most desired new subs. Incredible plan with two-story family room, kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counters, and eleven-foot ceilings, luxury master suite, 3-car garage, and walk-out basement. $533,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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SALINE – Another quality custom home by Bayberry in the Arboretum. First-time offering featuring stunning Arts and Crafts exterior, two-story foyer, large kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite countertops, extra large mud room, family room with 11' ceiling, and unique walk-up master suite. $475,962. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

LOHR LAKE VILLAGE – Super 4-bedroom, 2½-bath colonial on a spacious wooded lot in one of the area's most desired subs. Wonderful features inside and out with screened porch and hot tub. Interior features two-story foyer, den, large kitchen open to family room, luxury master suite, and finished basement. $469,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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SALINE – Another fabulous new home in Huntington Woods by Bayberry Construction. Gracious 4-bedroom, 2½-bath home loaded with quality features and amenities including 3-car garage, view-out basement, cherry kitchen, and granite counters. $439,545. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Another fantastic 4-bedroom, 2½-bath brand-new home by Bayberry in the Arboretum. Great features and quality throughout. Upgrades include cherry kitchen, granite counters, 3-car garage, and many quality features. Spring completion. $428,536. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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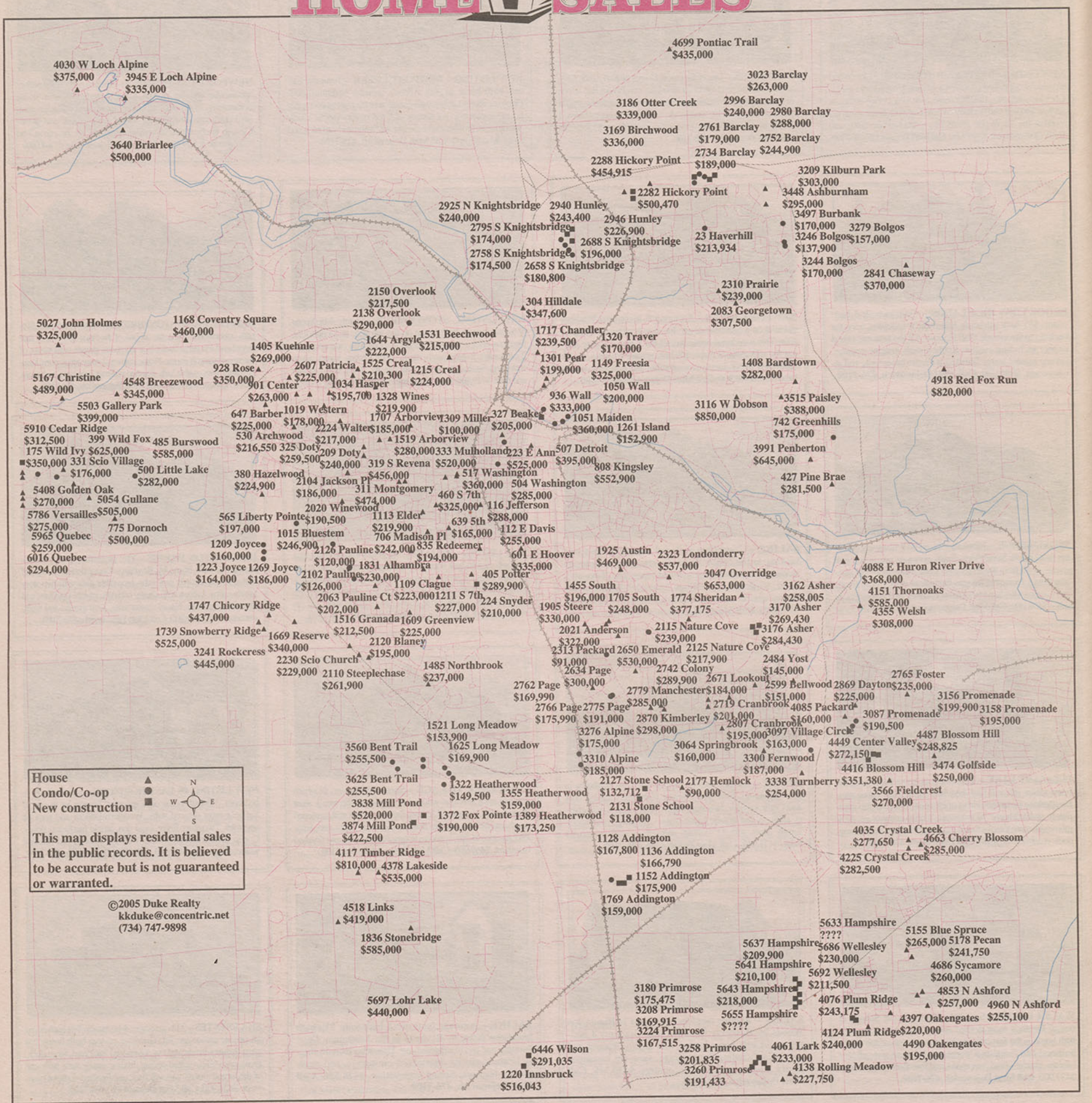

The top agents in the Ann Arbor real estate market make business boom for their brokers. Most days, these rainmakers have more clout than Alan Greenspan. They meet with sellers to list their properties, schedule open houses, and design brochures and ads. They meet with buyers to prequalify them for financing, schedule home tours, and negotiate sales contracts. And when all the sales are closed, they tally their take. So who's number one in the Ann Arbor school district?

Martin Bouma won the top prize for participating in the most sales in 2004. According to our analysis of the Ann Arbor Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service database, he had a front-row seat at 126 closings. While others pursued the traditional single-family-home market, Bouma carved out a niche for broker Keller Williams in Ann Arbor's growing condominium market. Sixty-three percent of his sales were condos—which also explains why Bouma's sales averaged just $215,000.

In contrast, Nancy Bishop spent 90 percent of her time handling single-family homes, lifting her average sale price to $496,000. As a result, the 100 transactions she participated in represented $50 million worth of real estate closings for the Edward Surovell Company in the Ann Arbor school district alone. That's nearly twice the dollar value that Bouma could muster for the year—and, since commissions are a percentage of the sale price, twice the income.

In both units sold and dollar volume, Charles Reinhart Company was the dominant firm. Although none of its individual agents could match the records of the two titans, Reinhart fielded the strongest team overall. Its leading scorer was Elizabeth Brien. She placed third in the number of transactions, with sixty-three sales—but thanks to an average selling price of $433,000, she managed to tie Bouma's $27 million 2004 tally.

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GRASS LAKE – Incredible 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch on a peaceful lot in Sandhill Estates. Beautiful interior décor highlights this very nice home. Features include great room with vaulted ceiling, custom kitchen with maple cabinets, luxury master suite, 3-car garage, and walkout basement. $299,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

GRASS LAKE – Another fabulous 4-bedroom, 2½-bath colonial by Harris Homes in Sandhill Estates. This quality home is just what you've been looking for with 3-car garage, walkout basement, large family room, and kitchen with hardwood floors. $296,363. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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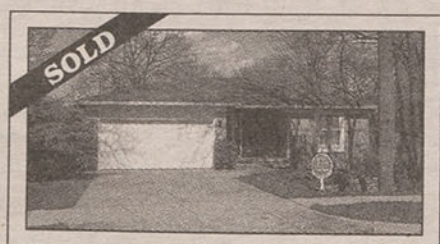

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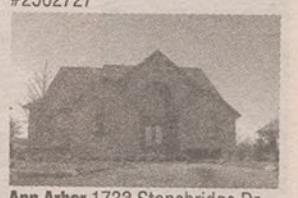

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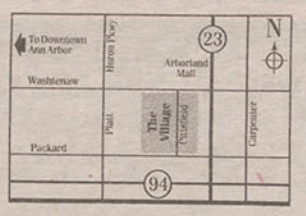

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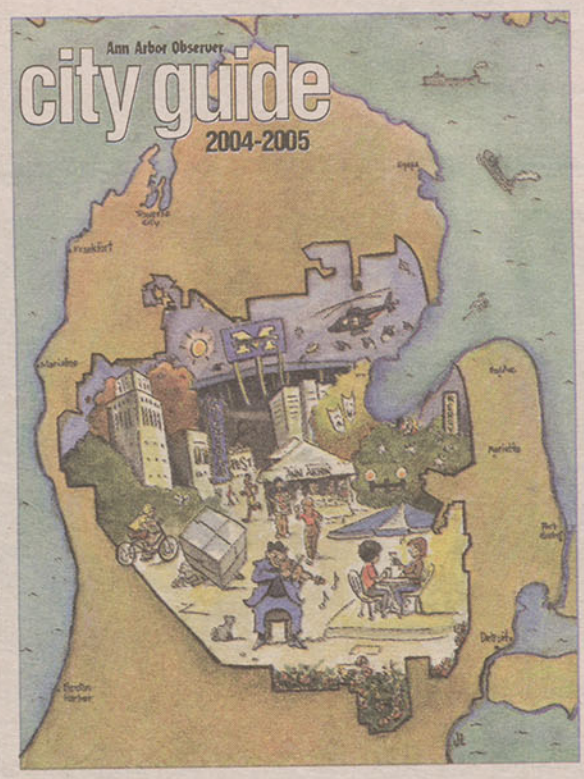

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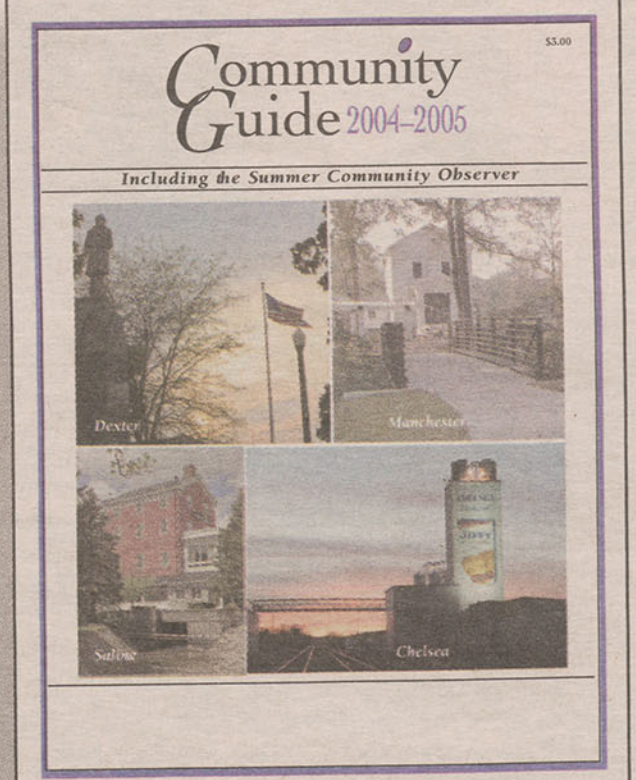

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I SPY

by Sally Bjork

To what shop does this "side entrance," the third of its kind downtown, lead?

To enter this month's I Spy contest, use the clue above and the photo at right to find the spot shown, and send your entry to the address at the bottom of the page.

"I didn't see it go in," says Carol Lopez of the miniature door that appeared one morning in the entryway to her store, the Peaceable Kingdom. "I wasn't here, so I don't know what happened." But, adds Lopez, "everyone who works here loves it." Lopez says she's received few comments on it, aside from a woman who remarked on the "fairy-size door."

We're not sure how many of the fourteen Ann Arborites who identified the Peaceable Kingdom as the site of May's I Spy realized the store now has a tiny second entrance, but we're giving them all the benefit of the doubt. "This one is easy—esp. if you arrived late on Main for Moonlight Madness," wrote Melodie Marske. "The sign is on the door of Peaceable Kingdom after hours." Cherie Holodnick wrote, "I know there has to be a story about that blind on the door. . . ." Lopez says she got the idea for the shade's design, mirrored in the miniature door, from a rubber stamp that incorporated open and closed eyes.

Penny Turk won our random drawing. She'll receive a copy of *A History of Ann Arbor,* by Jonathan L. Marwil.

FAKE AD

by Jay Forstner

Last month's Fake Ad for the Locker Room (p. 96) made me think of that old parlor game where one person has a stick drawing of an object—a straight-back chair, say—and he has to get his partner to draw the object by giving her instructions that don't name the object or any part of it. Invariably she draws a picture of a birdcage—or a portrait of Wallis Simpson.

The Locker Room ad was intended to poke fun at the crowded Ann Arbor high schools by offering a service that brought locker space to the schools, but, and this was only implied, the storage facilities themselves were to stay out in the parking lot, on some imagined big truck. When the designer drew up the ad, though—and for this part you would need an understanding of the inner workings of our contest that is better left to the *Making of the Fake Ad DVD Collector's Edition*—he or she illustrated the ad with, quite logically, a standard hallway locker.

So, dozens of Fake Adders cleverly wrote in that they thought adding private lockers to the hallways would make an already difficult situation impossible, which meant that they were, cleverly, precisely missing the point the ad was trying to make. The Fake Ad Czar himself would like very much to sort out who started all the confusion, but, since he is also more or less convinced that he started it himself, he would instead like to remind everyone that this is not about blame.

Beth Manuel was not confused. The Ann Arbor resident's entry was drawn from the 154 correct ones we received. She's taking her gift certificate to the Earle.

To enter the contest for June, identify the Fake Ad by name and page number and let us know at the address below. The Locker Room's ad contained the words ". . . Ann Arbor. We bring . . . ," in which sharp-eyed readers may discern the name of the Observer's website, *arborweb,* which is always hidden in the Fake Ad. The winner of our random drawing will receive a $25 gift certificate to any business advertising in this issue.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

A capsule guide to selected major events in June. See p. 71 for a complete listing of this month's Gallery, Band, and Events reviews. Daily events listings also begin on p. 71.

Local drummer Lori Fithian leads an enormous drumming orchestra that anyone can join at the Ark June 21, to kick off the Ann Arbor District Library's summer reading program.

Pop, Rock, Blues, & Jazz

- Down the Line (country-rock), June 1
- Wolf Eyes (noise-rock), June 1
- Stewart Francke (singer-songwriter), June 2
- C-Rayz Walz (hip-hop), June 2
- Trevor Watts & Jamie Harris (jazz), June 3
- John Prine (singer-songwriter), June 3
- RFD Boys (bluegrass), June 4 & 24
- David Grisman & the Old School Freight Train (avant-bluegrass), June 6
- Loudon Wainwright III (singer-songwriter), June 8
- Luciano (reggae), June 8
- Asleep at the Wheel (western swing), June 9
- Ann Doyle (singer-songwriter), June 11
- Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory, June 12
- Cloud Cult (indie rock), June 12
- Ex Nihilo (avant-jazz), June 13
- Connie Kaldor (singer-songwriter), June 13
- Jonathan Ovalle (singer-songwriter), June 14
- The Original Headhunters (jazz funk), June 16
- Corky Siegel's Traveling Chamber Blues Show, June 17
- Jay Stielstra & the Country Quartet (folk-country), June 18
- Deanna Carter (country singer-songwriter), June 20
- David Olney (singer-songwriter), June 22
- Chick Corea (jazz), June 22
- Citizen Cope (singer-songwriter), June 22
- David Wilcox (singer-songwriter), June 23
- Bettie Serveert (indie rock), June 23
- The Sights (rock 'n' roll), June 24
- Guy Clark (singer-songwriter), June 26
- Easy Star All-Stars (reggae), June 26
- Lizz Wright (jazz), June 27
- The Wild Band of Snee (avant-folk), June 28

Ethnic & Traditional Music

- Grada (Irish), June 5
- Josh White Jr. (folk), June 10
- Repercussions (world percussion), June 25

Classical & Religious Music

- Out Loud chorus, June 3 & 4
- Pianist William Bolcom & mezzo-soprano Joan Morris, June 11
- Kerrytown Concert House, MiniFest '05, June 17, 24, & 26
- Mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, June 19
- Ann Arbor Civic Band, June 22 & 29
- Turtle Island String Quartet, June 29

Lectures & Readings

- Poet Richard McMullen, June 1 & 23
- Fiction writer Richard McCann, June 1
- Novelist Elizabeth Kostova, June 14 & 23
- Essayist Thomas Lynch, June 14
- Novelist Steve Amick, June 21
- Novelist Charles Blackstone, June 21
- Novelist Michael Cunningham, June 24
- Memoirist Larry "Pun" Plamondon, June 28

Films

- Michigan Theater Cinema Slam, June 14

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Bus Stop* (Purple Rose Theater), June 1–4
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (U-M Residential College), June 2–5, 9–12, & 16–19
- *Morning's at Seven* (Redbud Productions), June 2–5
- *Nightspell* (Dreamland Theater), June 3–5
- Michigan New Works Festival (Performance Network/Blackbird Theater), June 8–12
- *The World Over* (BlackBag Productions), June 9–11, 16–19, & 23–25
- *Cabaret* (Ann Arbor Civic Theater), June 9–12
- Ann Arbor Dance Works, June 10 & 11
- *Till the Clouds Roll By: A Festival of Jerome Kern* (Comic Opera Guild), June 10–12 & 17–19
- *A Year with Frog and Toad* (EMU Theater of the Young), June 11, 12, 17, & 18
- *PDSC Solos* (Peter Sparling Dance Company), June 15–19
- *The Art of Dining* (P.T.D. Productions), June 16–19 & 23–25
- *Phonk!* (Scraps Arts Music), June 18
- *Helix: Spiral to the Stars* (Nightfire), June 19 & 26
- Hip-hop storyteller Will Power's one-man show *Flow*, June 21
- *Now That I Can Dance* (Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit), June 22–26
- *And the Winner Is . . .* (Purple Rose Theater Company), June 23–26, 29, & 30
- *Tango Flamenco* (Compania Talent Danza), June 24
- Pilobolus modern dance troupe, June 25
- *Repertoire* (Performance Network), June 29 & 30

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Hudson Mills Tractor & Engine Show, June 3–5
- Great Lakes American Pit Bull Terrier Club show, June 4 & 5
- Ann Arbor Potters Guild Spring Sale, June 4 & 5
- African American Downtown Festival, June 4
- Spur of the Moment Club Horse Show, June 5
- Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection Orphan Car Show, June 5
- Main Street Area Association "Taste of Ann Arbor," June 5
- Waterloo Hunt Club Dressage, June 10–12
- Michigan Tractor Pullers Association Tractor Show, June 11
- National Farm & Garden Association Garden Walk, June 11
- Home Builders Association Showcase of Homes, June 11–19
- Grillin' for Food Gatherers, June 12
- Green Fair, June 17
- Ann Arbor Summer Festival Top of the Park, June 17–30
- Waterloo Hunt Club Pony Rally, June 18–21
- NAACP Juneteenth Celebration, June 18
- Abundant Harvest Church Gospelfest, June 18
- Huron Valley Rose Society Show, June 19
- Waterloo Area Farm Museum Blacksmith Festival, Civil War Encampment, & Log Cabin Day, June 25 & 26
- Ann Arbor Rabbit Breeders Show, June 25
- Waterloo Hunt Club Hunter/Jumper Classic, June 28–30
- Ann Arbor Jaycees Summer Carnival, June 30

Comedy & Performance Art

- Comic Mark Knope, June 3 & 4
- Ann Arbor Poetry Slam, June 7 & 21
- Comic B. T., June 10 & 11
- Comics Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, June 17
- Comic J. Chris Newberg, June 17 & 18
- Comic Bill Hildebrandt, June 24 & 25
- Rick Miller's one-man show *MacHomer*, June 26
- Comic singer-actress Sandra Bernhard, June 30

Family & Kids' Stuff

- Elementary school ice cream socials, June 1, 3, 9, 10, 13, & 16
- Old West Side Association Children's Festival, June 4
- Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Bubble Festival, June 4 & 5
- *Strega Nona & the Magic Pasta Pot* (Wild Swan Theater), June 17 & 18
- *Peter Rabbit* (Wild Swan Theater), June 18
- U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Family Day, June 18
- Ann Arbor Velo Club Tour de Kids, June 19

Miscellaneous

- Dexter–Ann Arbor Run, June 5
- Futures Women's Golf Tour, June 24–26
- Ecology Center EcoRide, June 26

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- "Act Out on the Radio: Perform a Play on WCBN–FM" for kids in grades 6–12, June 25

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Friday, June 17

PHONK! by Scrap Arts Music
Saturday, June 18

Denyce Graves
Sunday, June 19

Will Power in "Flow"
Tuesday, June 21

Chick Corea & Touchstone
Wednesday, June 22

Tango Flamenco
Friday, June 24

Pilobolus
Saturday, June 25

MacHomer
Sunday, June 26

Turtle Island String Quartet
Wednesday, June 29

Sandra Bernhard
Thursday, June 30

Bobby McFerrin
Friday, July 1

Ojos de Brujo
Saturday, July 2

Chris Botti
Sunday, July 3

The Capitol Steps
Monday, July 4

Bebe Neuwirth
Tuesday, July 5

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Wednesday, July 6

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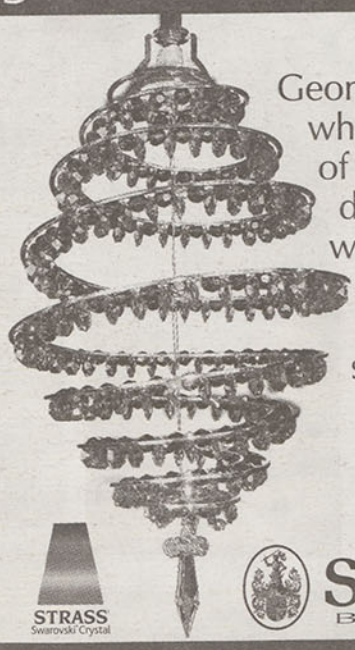

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